

**RSU13**  
**OMS BUILDING COMMITTEE**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**1 May 2017**

Present: Bill Gifford (Principal), Bill Wasson (Thomaston Code Enforcement), Julia Hegan, Rene Dorr, Steve Roberts (RSU13 Board Chair), Ron Gamage (RSU13 Board), Doug Crossley, John Jeffers, Brian Plourde, Melanie Slocum, Charles Butler, Mike Johanning (WBRC), Tyler Johnson (WBRC), Gerald Weinand (Chair)

Bill Gifford led group on tour of Oceanside Middle School (OMS)

The Phase 1 addition to OMS came in approximately \$350,000 under proposed budget, despite that it went from four classrooms to six.

Discussed bus barn. Likely that Town of Thomaston would not allow it to be built where planned. Bill Wasson explained that use was not allowed in the zone. Also that neighbors have objected to use, to 16 buses parked there. Ron Gamage noted that when school was a high school, buses and cars parked there. Discussed impact on proposed design of not building bus barn. Wasson said a stand alone Industrial Arts (IA) building would be allowed in zone. Steve Roberts and Gerald Weinand to meet with RSU13 Superintendent John McDonald for determination of bus barn.

Discussed need for additional classrooms. Number of teachers without a classroom (math in library, chorus in cafeteria, social studies on cart). Lobby of gym used for testing, instruction. Bill Gifford will determine number of additional classrooms required.

Should IA remain where it is? Currently students must walk through IA to reach classroom where health is taught. IA room can be made smaller; wood could be stored inside room. Possible to remove partition, move IA back into classroom, create corridor and additional classroom off of it.

Discussed plans for new kitchen and cafeteria. Much of current equipment very dated. Currently making 500 meals a day with staff of up to seven. Meals delivered to TGS and Cushing School as well as OMS. Can current kitchen be remodeled with addition? Mike Johanning said not possible; will take longer than eight weeks to do the work. Johanning said that reason for proposed design is to construct new kitchen leaving existing one undisturbed. Cafeteria already tight regarding seating; will become too small with influx of 130 6<sup>th</sup> Graders in September. Johanning said that he has had kitchen designer hold on his work.

IT room is too small. iPads are currently stored on carts. 130 more iPads will be need storage in September.

Additional Resource Room will be required for next school year.

No custodian closet. Custodian office used for storage. Telephone room used to store custodian supplies.

Johanning said school meets plumbing code with number of existing toilets. Johanning explained that this includes single stall toilets like one in Life Skills room, i.e. those toilets not accessible to general

student body. There is one large toilet room (five fixtures) for boys and girls. Discussed what is more important: to meet code or provide practicable number. Johnanning noted two toilet rooms could be located off corridor leading to McCormick wing. When addition is complete, there will be 14 classrooms in close proximity to it.

Discussed need for showers in Locker Rooms. Brian Plourde explained that students do not change for gym class, that they use Locker Rooms to store backpacks. Access to shower stall in boys Locker Room blocked by stored items. There is a need to have a small number of showers; Life Skills requires one. Rene Dorr noted that school may be used as an emergency shelter; showers would be used then.

Two single fixture toilet rooms not used. Suggested they become staff toilets.

Next meetings:

Monday, 15 May at 5:30 at OHS

Monday, 5 June at 4:00 at OMS