

**RSU 13 Facilities and Transportation Minutes
Tuesday, July 8, 2014 at 5:30, McLain Building**

	Committee		Committee		Visitor
P	George Emery, Chair		Scott Hall	P	Ervin Curtis
P	Tess Kilgour				
P	Christine Curtis				
	Marla McGeady				
	Todd Johnston				
P	Present	A	Absent	E	Excused

1. Review the list of items to report to the Board in the fall.

Committee Chair noted that he has a list of items to review with the Superintendent before the Board meeting August 7, 2014. This list includes addressing paving, grounds, Knox boxes, Seimens and Thayer contracts, lighting projects, and other items.

The committee reviewed Strategic Plan Category IV: Facilities: Comprehensive Planning and Management Lead Objective 1 Action Strategies A, B, D, E, F, G and H.

Action A: The committee analyzed the NESDEC Enrollment Study to determine building needs and found that projected enrollments are over estimated when compared to actual unit student counts at some grade levels in the report.

Priority is to determine in which school our 320 student 6-8 Middle School will be housed RDMS or OSH-W building. The committee is leaning toward the OSH-W building and will be studying feasibility of this option during the next month. Committee members also discussed St. George students and have agreed that the 6th and 7th grades will remain in St. George, but have not made a determination regarding the 8th grade.

Projected enrollment for the 9-12 high school indicates a need for a new space to house up to 120 students.

Action B. Once needs have been determined regarding the 6-12 grades the committee will progress with a comprehensive 10-year facilities study targeting renovation, addition, or replacement, for each building, including new construction.

Action D. Energy audit is progressing.

Action E. A grounds and fields study will be undertaken this school year with input from our new athletic director.

Action F. Needs for the next two school years include consolidating the 6-8 Middle School and construction or renovation at the high school to accommodate an additional 120 students as noted above in Action A.

The Unit is retiring within the next four years three construction debts totaling approximately \$550,000 in payments per year. The addition of 9th grade students to the high school will require renovation or construction to meet square footage requirements per student. New construction, design and furniture are estimated to be \$260 per square foot. Government requirements are for 180 square feet of space per student. One hundred twenty students times 180 square feet per student times \$260 totals \$5,616,000. This is only a preliminary estimate of cost for a 21,600 square foot new space to house 120 students. The current square footage of the high school is 86,000 square feet with the addition of 120 students the total square footage needed for 550 students according to requirements will be 104,500 square feet. The current school construction debt to be paid off within the next one to four years will off-set any new project. It is assumed some sort of reconfiguration renovation would be considerably less expensive if that option is feasible.

Within the next couple of months a survey of teachers and administrators will be conducted for input regarding the renovation or new construction at the high school for up to 120 additional students that will be housed there.

Actions G. Annual update of needed projects is currently being undertaken.

Action H. Establishing, for each building, a ten year Capital Improvement Plan is progressing.

2. Committee Chair will be in contact with the Superintendent and Scott Hall to review summer work.