

# **BUDGET / FACILITIES SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING**

## **Facilities Focus**

### **MINUTES**

**Tuesday, October 9, 2012**

**Mt. Hope High School**

#### **Present**

**Subcommittee: William O'Dell , Chair, John Bento, and Diana Campbell**

**School Committee, Administration and Staff: John Saviano, Melinda Thies, Mario Andrade, Pauline Silva, and George Simmons (6:35)**

**William O'Dell called the meeting to order at 6:32 PM.**

#### **Approval of Minutes**

**MOTION: Diana Campbell motioned to approve the minutes for September 10, 2012, John Bento seconded. The motion passed unanimously.**

#### **Facilities Update**

**Compliance of First Student with School Committee Policy for Distance Between Bus Stops:**

**Pauline reported that Bristol Warren Regional School District's bus**

stops are 300 feet apart. Depending on the age of the child, there can be exceptions to have bus stops closer together. First Student is abiding by the policy as it exists.

#### **2012 Bus Inspection Report:**

George reported that the buses are in compliance in all areas, except the four spare buses which are not required by law to have cameras. Once any of those buses are put in use, they then must comply. All other buses have active cameras with onboard DVRs. Francisco has been open with our district and has kept George up to date on the buses. He has been very responsive to any issues that have arisen.

#### **Goose Droppings Issue:**

Diana Campbell has received complaints from parents related to the goose droppings on the field at Guiteras and had heard of a successful treatment using grape juice spray. George replied that they have used this treatment at Guiteras, but it is \$3500 per application and as a result, they do not treat every month. The treatments that were done, however, had been successful until just recently when the Canadian Geese nests were disturbed. George said he will talk to Walter to see if we can navigate Silver Creek again.

The question was asked, where does the bulk of the cost for treatment reside, and George responded that it is the application process, ie., equipment, that costs the most. A suggestion was made to possibly tap into other districts or local townspeople to work together to buy in bulk or to share machinery to accomplish this.

**George said he will contact Walter to see how they do the treatments cost-effectively. George reiterated when the treatment is done, it is indeed successful, but to remember that in the winter, it would be futile to treat because of the snow.**

### **Adjournment**

**MOTION: Diana Campbell motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 PM. John Bento seconded. The motion passed unanimously.**

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