

Building (Capital) Meeting  
McFee Administration Building  
108 High Street  
Woonsocket RI 02865  
March 3, 2015

Meeting called to order: 3:10

Attendees: Joel Mathews, Garrett Mancieri, Cindy Johnson, Tom Wrona, Brad Peryea, Dr. McGee, Peter Fontaine, Sue Pawlina, Loraine Cory

RGB was running late and not at meeting at the present time. Joel started the meeting with discussion of the findings of the RGB inspection during school vacation. Peter discussed the time frame for all deadlines of state mandated work that needs to be done. RGB will be presenting their report today to give the committee an idea of work that has been identified through their inspection. The next step for committee members is to prioritize the work based on their needs over the next five years which can be done at the March 10<sup>th</sup> meeting at 3:00. Thursday March 12<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 the committee can examine the different options and scenarios that can be utilized. The next step is to plan to present the week of March 25<sup>th</sup> to the City Council, Planning Board and the School Board. The final step will be to present to the state.

Peter continued to discuss the thorough inspection RGB performed over school vacation. RGB spent four and half hours at Harris school alone. As well as RGB there also were many other experts inspecting the school sites.

RGB arrived at the meeting 3:20

Joel informed RGB of all meeting dates that were just made and the information that needs to be submitted by RGB for the meetings.

RGB started the video and explaining that they thought the schools were in pretty good shape compared to other districts. The video continued with demonstrating each school with a list of needs. The needs were in two categories

1. **Good condition**; which means a problem with minor updates needed
2. **Functional condition**; working; however a needed system replacement.

- The WMS, Harris and Pothier schools were all ranked in good condition because of their age. WACTC, WHS, Globe, Citizens, Coleman, Bernon, and Savoie had the primary problems because of their ages. The typical overall findings were ADA compliance issues, roofing, windows, air quality, fire code issues, flooring, and deterioration due to moisture. All schools had some leaking due to the extreme winter we're having.
- Tom Wrona asked a question regarding WACTC ownership, and state responsibility of building. Peter stated that he had asked RGB to assess the WACTC building like all the other school buildings so we would have a good idea of total repairs needed. The school department will not assume ownership of this building until it is completely repaired.
- Another main concern for the school department and legal requirements are the fire sprinklers, and a secure entry way. RGB suggested an option for the entry ways to be configured. The option is to combine a bay area for the visitor entryway with actual security. The enclosed area will also serve as a needed fire safety wall option as well.

Lorraine Corey asked a question regarding air quality; Lorraine asked when you say air quality are you saying that there is mold in the air. RGB responded saying not necessarily, air quality I

mean general indoor environment quality such as dust and hazard material in an air vapor; this constitutes a subpar learning environment that RIDE is addressing and its mission is to correct.

RGB also mentioned that there may be money available for energy efficiency updates that may not have to come out of this particular budget. RGB also continued that with the sister school (Citizens, Coleman, Bernon, Globe) having fire variances that expire soon they can check into Homeland Security money to help with funding with that part of school updates.

Joel stated that it was a good briefing and asked RGB to have everything in writing with a brief description by Monday, and a dollar amount attached to each description by the Thursday meeting. The committee will focus on safety and welfare as the number one priority, and then move on from there. At the Thursday meeting we hope to have as much pricing as possible to present on March 25<sup>th</sup> to School Committee, City Council, and the Planning Board. The committee goal is to present information to the State by the end of April. Joel also asked for all individual names that toured and inspected the schools for their recognition.

Joel asked to adjourn the meeting; Garrett motioned first to and Tom seconded the motion; all in favor to adjourn.

Adjournment: 4:20