

To: Pat O'Sullivan – Town Clerk
From: Mary Shaw - OBOE
Date: October 15, 2020



BOARD OF EDUCATION
Building & Grounds / Security & Safety Committee
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, October 13, 2020
5:00 PM
Race Brook School

Call to Order: 5:00 pm

Public Participation: none

Ventilation Updates:

Michael Gray shared the updates to the Racebrook ventilation system. The second change of the filters will be on election day, a third will take place in February. Mr. Gray is investigating energy audit and efficiency study for possible cost savings as well as to better understand what/if any savings we are receiving through solar panels.

Turkey Hill School Loading Dock Update:

This has been placed out to bid according to the Town of Orange protocols for the process. It has been extended to October 21 and October 23 will be the day a bid is awarded.

Tour of Race Brook School:

The Committee viewed the newly painted main hallway, saw a socially distant and distance learning set up classroom, as well as some of the new flooring that was installed by BOE staff for additional cost savings. We explored the playground accessibility improvements.

Review of Capital Requests:

We reviewed the proposals from last January's request and discussed the following for this year's requests:

- Sidewalk/Brick Repair, Smart Board Replacement, 5 year Furniture Refurbishment plan were moved forward to this year's request.
- Mr. Gray will investigate generator possibilities that may negate the need for a battery backup unit.
- Bus camera request was deprioritized as bus population is substantially reduced presently due to pandemic.
- Mr Kraut suggested a meeting with the Board of Finance prior to budget season. Mr. Flynn suggested this take place soon at Race Brook school. Will bring to full board for discussion 10/19.

Discussion of HVAC Improvements at Turkey Hill & Race Brook:

The Committee recommended adding these improvements, including air conditioning to our Capital request to the Board of Selectmen with emphasis on our reasoning that improved ventilation during the pandemic is important.

Next Meeting Date Confirmed: November 9th at Turkey Hill School 5pm

Proposed December 14th Meeting at Peck Place

Adjournment 6:30 pm