

Whitman-Hanson Regional School Committee
Facilities and Capital Improvements Subcommittee Meeting
Held on January 10, 2015
Hanson Schools Building Tour
Maquan Elementary School, Indian Head Elementary School and Hanson Middle School

Meeting Convened: 10:00 a.m.

Meeting Adjourned: 12:15 p.m.

School Committee Members: Robert Hayes, Fred Small (left at 11:45 a.m.), Dan Cullity, Don Ford

District Administrators Present: Dr. Ruth C. Gilbert-Whitner, Superintendent
Ernest Sandland, Facilities Manager

Hanson Board of Selectmen
Representatives Present: James McGahan (Town of Hanson) (left at 10:30 a.m.)

Absent: Robert O'Brien, Kevin Lynam
Christine Suckow, Scott Lambiase (Town of Whitman)

The Facilities and Capital Improvements Subcommittee met at the Maquan Elementary School at 10:00 a.m. The purpose of the Saturday morning meeting was to tour the Hanson Public Schools for a firsthand view of the needs of the Maquan Elementary, Indian Head Elementary, and Hanson Middle Schools and to educate the Subcommittee on the building issues.

Facilities Manager, Ernie Sandland, directed the building tours, in conjunction with School Committee Chair, Bob Hayes, and Superintendent, Ruth Gilbert-Whitner. In addition, to the Facilities and Capital Improvements Subcommittee, community members, including members of the Hanson Priority Repair Committee, participated in the tour. The tour began at the Maquan Elementary School where the cafeteria, boiler room, gymnasium, the chair lifts, and several classrooms were visited and discussed. The tour included exterior views of Maquan from the gym area and from the back of the school. Following the tour of Maquan School, the group crossed the street to Indian Head School where the cafeteria, courtyard, library, music room, boiler room, and gymnasium were visited and discussed. The group viewed the slate roof from the second floor of the school and from the exterior.

The Indian Head School tour concluded with a discussion of the implications of the Statements of Interest from the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) for Accelerated Repair and Core projects. Dr. Whitner explained that the replacement of the slate roof qualifies for an Accelerated Repair Project. If the project were to be approved, MSBA has informed the District that the roof replacement would not take place until the summer of 2016. She also noted that the MSBA will not consider the Maquan School for an Accelerated Repair Project because MSBA has determined that the building requires significant updating and does not have a long-term life expectancy.

At the conclusion of the tour of the Indian Head School, most participants concluded their tours of the schools. At that time, Dr. Whitner and members of the Facilities and Capital Improvements Sub-committee expressed their appreciation to Ernie Sandland for leading the detailed tour. Dan Cullity commented on his

observation that in spite of their age he was impressed by the good condition of the schools. Following the tour of Indian Head School, Ernie Sandland, Bob Hayes, Don Ford, Dan Cullity, and Dr. Whitner traveled to Hanson Middle School where they toured the boys' locker room, boiler room, library, and several classrooms.

No votes were taken.

The next Facilities and Capital Improvements Subcommittee meeting will be held on January 14, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting ended at 12:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth C. Gilbert-Whitner, Ed.D.
Superintendent