Regional School District No. 17

Board of Education

Finance/Facilities

Subcommittee Minutes

Chair: Peter Sonski

A special meeting of the Regional School District No. 17 Finance/Facilities Subcommittee was held on February 10, 2023 at 2:01 p.m. in the Central Office Board Room.

Subcommittee Members Present: Peter Sonski-Chair (Remote), Suzanne Sack (Remote), Prem Aithal

Subcommittee Members Absent: Jennifer Favalora, Shawna Goldfarb, Hamish MacPhail

Also Present: Jeffrey Wihbey (Remote), John Mercier, Rob Albert, Jeffrey Wyszynski and Justin Hopkins from Tecton (both remote)

1. Call to Order/Opening of the Meeting: The meeting was called to order at 2:01 p.m. by Peter Sonski (Chair)

2. Tecton Master Plan Discussion

Tecton Architects have been commissioned by the RSD 17 Board of Education to develop a master plan for the school district. Mr. Wyszynski reviewed a proposed schedule that would result in a proposal to the Towns of Haddam and Killingworth at or near the end of the calendar year 2023, highlighting various milestones and review meetings along the way. He stressed a desire for transparency and community engagement throughout the process.

Mr. Hopkins asked for any digital assets regarding building design, construction or improvements.

Mr. Sonski suggested that the working group to coordinate the process be composed of the BOE Facilities/Finance Subcommittee members, the Superintendent and his appointed staff representatives, representatives from Haddam and Killingworth identified by their First Selectmen, and the Tecton project team. He proposed that Central office staff study district and municipal calendars to identify community meeting dates that align with the Tecton schedule.

Ms. Sack identified several objectives (attached) for the efficient completion of the project. She emphasized concern that demographic analysis of the district for enrollment projections deliver a true value added element to existing studies secured regularly by the district.

A follow-up to this session will be scheduled as part of the subcommittee's February 23rd regular meeting.

3. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 2:37 p.m.