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The Regional School District 13 Board of Education Utilization Study Committee met on September 28, 2017 at p.m. in the Library at Coginchaug Regional High School, Durham, Connecticut

Committee members present: Mr. Augur, Dr. Taylor and Dr. Friedrich

Committee members absent: Mrs. Boyle and Mr. Hicks

Other board members present: Mr. Moore arrived at 5:20 p.m.

Administration present: Dr. Veronesi, Superintendent of Schools, Mrs. Neubig, Business Manager

Others present: Mr. Francis, Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds

Mr. Augur called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Public Comment

None.

Approval of the agenda

On a motion made by Dr. Friedrich and seconded by Dr. Taylor, the agenda was unanimously approved.

Approval of the minutes – March 9, 2017

On a motion made by Dr. Taylor and seconded by Mr. Augur, the minutes of March 9, 2017 were unanimously approved.

Utilization Committee Mission

After considerable discussion, Dr. Friedrich moved for adoption, seconded by Dr. Taylor, that the mission of the Utilization Committee is to maximize efficient use of resources, including flexible space, while meeting the programmatic needs as determined by the administration. Motion passed unanimously.

Determine recommendations for optimization of resource use

Discussion around recommendations for next steps continued with emphasis placed on having clear timelines at an expeditious pace. It was noted that closing zero additional buildings in the near term was not a viable option, but that more analysis will need to be undertaken to determine if 1 or 2 buildings could be recommended for closure while meeting the recently adopted mission.

Review of long-term capital needs

Mr. Francis and Mrs. Neubig then reviewed the long-term capital needs. Approximately \$384,000 of annual debt payment should be completed at the end of this year, and this should be kept in mind as expenditures around the aforementioned (school closing, furniture updates, etc.) may be able to be absorbed more efficiently by the district if bonded as opposed to pay as we go.

Public Comment

Carl Stoup, Durham resident, positively noted that a number of topics discussed by the committee were items he had made note to share, for example, fitting more than just grades 9 through 12 in the Cuginchaug building.

Adjournment

On a motion made by Dr. Taylor and seconded by Dr. Friedrich, the meeting was adjourned at 5:20 p.m.