Minutes – January 13, 2022 Finance and Facilities Committee Meeting

Attending: J Ponds, N Cipriano, E. Turner, P Church and E Scherzer

Next Step on Funding for Ventilation – The Committee discussed the next steps on ventilation (HVAC) improvement. Phase 1 work is almost completed.

The Committee discussed alternate funding possibilities for HVAC work including possible leasing strategies. After a discussion of the various possibilities, the Committee decided to pursue the bonding strategy as originally planned.

The Committee asked that PSA prepare a proposal for their necessary expenses including a timeline for the work necessary for them to do everything required for the preparation of a capital bond proposal for the next step of the ventilation work and additional critical work as needed.

Bond Counsel – The Bond Counsel position was discussed and comparison bond counsel contracts from other Districts will be secured to make a comparison to the response to the RFP.

Hillside School Mold Remediation - PSA looked at the grading of the building and it has shifted which allows water to enter through the basement.

Watchung playground – The uncompleted Watchung playground was discussed. PSA and the contractor have still not signed off on the completion of the playground since a number of items necessary for completion have not yet arrived. No date has been given for their delivery. The Committee Chair observed again that people have been using the playground and recommended that the playground be opened with additional fencing around the uncompleted areas.

Indoor eating plans - Indoor eating plans were discussed as was the possibility of additional air purifiers in indoor eating locations and all areas where students are unmasked. The Superintendent agreed that there would be at least 2 air purifiers in each eating location.