

**Agenda - RSU 13 – Facilities and Transportation Committee**  
**Minutes - May 7, 2013**

	<b>Committee</b>		<b>Committee</b>		<b>Visitors</b>
P	George Emery, Chair	P	Scott Vaitones	P	Tess Kilgour
P	Arvilla Collins	P	Scott Hall	P	Lewis Collins
P	Christine Curtis	P	Todd Johnston	P	Don Robishaw
P	William Pearce				
P	Present	A	Absent	E	Excused

**New Business**

**1. Status of the energy audit**

Kris Anderson has started the audits of the schools. He has also started the after school energy audit class with some high school students and Science teacher, Lucas Benner.

**2. Develop study plan – Most efficient use of buildings**

**a. Initial role of Facilities Committee**

Because of financial times we need to look at all options that may present long term savings for the District.

Fewer buildings would mean less sharing of allied arts and more available instructional time.

Is intent of moving RDMS to TGS for a stronger middle school merger or to give South School more space?

Where a pre-k would be sited? The best location is the school the pre-K students will attend for Kindergarten.

Tess Kilgour expressed one of her goals is to go from 11 buildings (including McLain) to 7.

The Committee agrees need to close the 2 small old schools – Gilford Butler & Owls Head Central School.

The Committee agrees need to combine the two middle schools.

Need to consider how long kindergarteners may be riding a bus.

Lew Collins, Larry Schooley and Tom Forti all feel the OHS-W grades 8 & 9 configuration is working well.

Should we work toward an 8–12 school?

Owls Head and South Thomaston will be considered one town for voting to close or keep open both schools as each serve students from both towns.

In order to meet a time frame that would be finalized before the FY15 budget process starts, the School Board would need to take action to close a school at the October 2013 meeting and then the Towns would need to hold referendums by early February to vote to either close or keep open and locally pay the cost above the EPS formula to run the school. The Facilities Committee will need to hold two meetings a month, 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays of the month.

One of the meetings each month would be a full Board meeting to move forward with the most efficient use of the buildings.

What buildings are worth keeping:

What are the worst buildings: OHCS, GBS

Do we want to operate small out dated buildings?

Public input

Is there value in the small community school?

- b. How the process will go forward
- c. What will be looked at
- d. Timeline for a report to the School Board

### **3. Other business**

Todd Johnston reviewed the State Police inspection last week and reported that the inspectors found nothing and were incredibly impressed with what they found.

Todd passed out total mileage driven for the month of April.

Finding bus driver subs still remains a problem.

### **4. Next Facilities meeting May 21, 2013**

Adjourned 7:20 PM