

area for building safety during remediation. The DLS would inspect the School during the procedure, and additionally the School would hire a full time environmental hygienist to be in the building at all times when work was in progress.

- Pending a positive vote at Special Town Meeting (STM), Supt. D'Andrea requested support from State Senator Julian Cyr and State Representative Dylan Fernandes in obtaining a procurement process waiver to eliminate any further delays.

- Supt. D'Andrea would send out a letter to families outlining the situation and there would be an informational session tonight (neither a formal Selectmen nor a TSC meeting) (see below: Meetings/Events).

- In response to a number of questions the proposal was clarified.

- The DLS certified the work could be safely done with children in the building but the contract would be bid both during work hours and in off-hours. Supt. D'Andrea would take parents' comfort level into account.

- The contractor maintained the actual work would take 6-7 weeks and endorsed Supt. D'Andrea's goal to start in early November and be finished by the Holidays.

- The environmental hygienist would also monitor the work to insure building safety.

- The remediation work would involve the entire school, not just those classrooms with chipping/peeling paint. One estimate/bid had been received (two more were expected) and so far outlined work was:

- enclose and seal openings, install negative air pressure with high particulate filters;
- high-suction-vacuum all desks, furniture, ceiling tiles, etc. and store for replacement;

- collect and package all damaged lead paint and send to licensed disposal areas;

- wipe and treat all lead based surfaces (walls, ceilings, radiators, etc.) with a sprayed on paint like surface;

- clean areas and wipe all surfaces.

- Radon testing was simple and fairly quick but had to be done while the building was fully occupied and the heat was on, consequently it would be scheduled during the winter. Better air exchange would be part of the work. An engineer was expected next week to look at the School heating system and suggest options.

- Although students could occupy the building during work, Supt. D'Andrea was not comfortable allowing students and staff to return before the clean up or in the shorter term and reiterated his January 2020 goal.

- The OPM would research the effects of any continuing leaks and water damage on the encapsulation. Now they were aware of the situation School Administration would have to be more aggressive in monitoring and repairing leaks (see below: Actions).

- Complete removal of all lead would require the elimination of all sheetrock estimated at \$2,000,000 (just for removal), after which the walls would have to be rebuilt. The expenditure of such a large sum could easily become redundant if internal walls then had to be reconfigured for the larger renovation/addition project.

- There was a conversation on the proposed measure as a bandaid.

- Administration agreed it was a bandaid but argued it was a thoughtful, consultant-endorsed, safe solution at a reasonable cost to an urgent situation no one had anticipated.

- The proposed short term solution would make the building safe, allow education to proceed, parents to take a deep breath and the Town to move forward on the larger project with less pressure.

- During the course of the meeting there were further comments, questions and responses.
- Teachers generally maintained that the current situation was more difficult than being in a building during remediation/repair. The TSC acknowledged both individual and group letters from staff (kindergarten through fourth grade (K-4) and fifth through eighth grade (5-8) which contained heartfelt comments detailing the stresses and pressures of the current situation.
- The lifespan of the remediation was questioned in terms of lasting until the completion of the larger project.
- The OPM agreed there could be regular (daily, semi-weekly, etc.) reports from the contractor throughout the scope of the project.
- The STM articles would continue as drafted for \$1,500,000 and \$450,000. All agreed that this would allow the Town ready cash, not only for continued current expenses from the split campus, but also for a number of unknowns, such as the ventilation air exchange work.
- Supt. D'Andrea responded to a question on responsibility that Town Facilities Director Kirk Mettell worked in partnership with the School. Town Administrator Jay Grande countered that the TSC was solely responsible for the management of the entire building and not Mr. Mettell. As an example he cited a \$3,000,000 Town proposal to weatherproof the building that was turned down. Ms. Janet Packer passionately requested Town leadership stop making small 'digs' at the TSC; protesting:
 - she was willing to take responsibility for the state of the building;
 - there was no assertion that Mr. Mettell was solely responsible—although he had not been to a TSC meeting in some time;
 - the TSC was told the Selectmen controlled the money;
 - spending \$3,000,000 on new windows was not warranted when the state of the outside walls was in question;
 - work on the gym roof (voted in April) had not yet begun;
 - it was time to start working together.
- Mr. Grande apologized if Ms. Packer found his remarks offensive. Selectmen Jeff Kristal agreed there was some protocol confusion and proposed entering into negotiations with school leaders immediately to resolve procedures before work began.
- A parent was:
 - not comfortable with the current proposal for the School as a safe environment,
 - criticized Supt. D'Andrea for not have the peeling paint tested earlier, or the building tested for radon during the summer;
 - requesting better assurance on air quality.
- There was an appeal to schedule TSC meetings at a more convenient time for parents, to provide daycare, and for all parties to agree on a channel for clear communications so parents would know the work was being correctly performed.
- Ms. Packer supported the Superintendent's decision noting he had performed due diligence and arrived at the best, quickest and most reasonably priced plan. She believed the OPM and environmental engineers on the safety of the process. She asked the community to support the articles.
- Principal John Custer was very excited about the short-term plan as sound and thoughtful. He asserted the School didn't just want k-8 to be reunited, they needed it, and the sooner the better. He had faith the community would move on to resolve the longer-term project.

- Selectmen Melinda Loberg and Mr. Kristal supported the proposal as cost effective and reasonable.
- A lead expert in the audience endorsed the procedure and spoke for community unity.
- Mr. Watts thanked everyone for coming and adjourned the meeting about 2:30PM.

Appendix A: Meetings/Events:

- STM Information Forum – 7:00PM, Thursday, October 10, 2019 at the KCT
- Special Town Meeting – 7:00PM, Tuesday, October 15, 2019 - Tisbury School Gym
- AISC - 5:00PM, Monday, October 28, 2019 – MVRHS LCR

Appendix B: Actions

Prin. Custer – draft itemized list of relocation expenses for STM.

Prin. Custer – regularly survey the Facility for leaks.

Mr. Marks – research effect of water on lead encapsulation.

Mr. Marks – include regular reports (semi-weekly) in bid specs.

Town/School leadership – meet to set protocol on facility maintenance/capital.

Town/School leadership – set parent communications protocol.

Appendix C: Documents on File:

- TSC Agenda 10/10/19

Minutes respectfully submitted by Office On Call/Marni Lipke.

Marni Lipke – Recorder

Date

Michael Watts – TSC Acting Chair

Date

Minutes approved as amended by the Tisbury School Committee 11/12/19