

**Sunapee School Board SCES Facility Meeting Minutes**  
**October 24, 2018, 5:30pm**  
**Sunapee Central Elementary School**

Meeting opened at 5:30.

Present:

Jesse Tyler – Chair  
Russ Holden – Superintendent  
Kelly Wessells – Business Administrator  
Dan Bisson – Harriman

Jesse Tyler gave a brief overview of the packet of information.

- New tri fold information brochure on project
- Subcommittee action steps
- Updated project budget
- Updated estimates on Bond Schedules
- List of compliance issues - Harriman facility/education studies
- Graphic of proposed second egress
- Interior view of building
- Exterior view of building

Jesse introduced Amy Clark from NH Department of Education.

Building Aid was introduced by the state in 1950's which was to help local communities with building and updating school projects.

In 2008 no money was funded in the state budget for building aid; at that time the state was funding about 50 million each year towards building aid.

In 2009 a moratorium was placed on building aid for 2 years as legislators were going to review and rewrite the building aid process. To date that moratorium is still in place. It may be lifted June 30, 2019. The state is in the process of developing its bi annual budget and it has not been determined if money will be placed into the 19-21 State budget.

If money was placed in the 19-21 budget and fully funded at 50 million each year (total 100 million) the state is still currently paying off past building projects and to fully pay them off would take 78 million to pay off the remaining state obligations leaving 32 million for new projects.

Sunapee, if building aid money was available, would qualify for 30% on construction cost.

Sunapee would have to complete its full application for September 1, 2019 for consideration in the 21-23 bi annual budget. This application would be ranked based on safety needs, upkeep to current facility, meeting minimum standards, free and reduced student percentages, net assessed property values. If Sunapee was to gain enough points in the ranking system, and depending on that rank, the number of other applications and money available may receive building aid at 30% of construction cost for starting construction in the summer of 2021. Official determination on qualification would be released by the NHDOE in January, 2021.

Minimum standards must be met if we are making changes to current facilities or adding new facilities.

These standards also address location of specific programs (Preschool, Kindergarten). Schools that are making changes to older facilities are running into issues meeting new standards.

Plans for new/additions/renovation must be submitted to NHDOE for approval as well as State Fire Marshall.

The Committee thanks Amy for her presentation.

The Committee had an open Q & A with the attending community members.

The meeting adjourned at 8pm.

Submitted by Russell Holden