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**School Building Committee  
Administration Building  
1675 Flat River Rd, Coventry, RI 02827  
Wednesday, December 7, 2022  
Minutes**

- 1.) Meeting started at 6:37pm.
- 2.) Roll call was done. Members in attendance: Don Cowart, Amy Anzalone, Kim Shockley, Aleita Hall, Harold Sands, Ben Marchand, Christine Kennedy, Mario Correno, James Peirson, Russell Hill, Ana dos Reis-Couto, Phil Conte
- 3.) Superintendent Update:
  - a.) Superintendent Cowart reviewed some questions he received from Jonathan Pascua from District 1. The decision was made to review these questions if the presentation did not get addressed.
- 4.) Town Manager Update: None
- 5.) Presentation by Phil Conte:
  - a.) Review of numbers of schools and locations.
  - b.) Review of the process we have gone through and where we stand at this time.
  - c.) Coventry School needs a 20 year plan.
  - d.) Discussion of scenario values.
  - e.) Best scenario project - **95M (new option)**
    - i.) Consolidating three schools now BR, TI, HH to one new building  
78.2 M
    - ii.) High Priority Facility Improvement
      - (1) ASFMS - 8M
      - (2) CHS - 5M
      - (3) WC - 2M
  - f.) Consider to seek voter approval for 76M
- 6.) Review of Project Timeline
  - a.) General Assembly Approval
  - b.) RIDE Approval
  - c.) Town Approval

- i.) If town approval is in April/May, need to go to General Assembly now
  - ii.) Or November which pushes us close to the end of the bonuses.
  - d.) Phil Conte updated the committee about a projected timeline with about January 11th being a building meeting to review the Stage 2 submission. Then to SC and TC to review, approve and submit before 2/15/23. It is impossible for SBC, SC and TC to review the entire Stage 2 document before it is submitted.
- 7.) Ben M suggested we do a big community open house to discuss building projects in January.
- 8.) Multiple members feel like we should be getting information out to the community now about what we are working on.
- 9.) Next Meeting: December 21, 2022 at 6:30pm
- 10.) Adjourned at 8:05pm