

## FACILITIES PLANNING

It is the goal of the RSU 1 Board of Directors is to provide appropriate facilities that will best support and accommodate our education program. Therefore, a five-year facilities plan shall be on file in the superintendent's office, and the plan will be updated.

In planning facilities, the board recognizes that capital outlay funds are limited and that it must establish priorities in order to make the best use of these funds.

Architects employed by the board are expected to plan for high educational utility and flexibility; access to and use by the handicapped; sound economics; low long-range maintenance costs; and energy efficiency; low insurance rates; and quality of design.

New buildings and/or renovations to existing buildings shall be in accordance with the organizational patterns established by the board and shall be designed to fit current as well as anticipated instructional programs.

For each building project, a school building committee will be appointed and charged with the responsibility of facilities planning.

This committee, with the approval of the board, shall have the authority to:

- A. Engage consultants for feasibility studies and cost estimates;
- B. Employ an architect or firm of architects;
- C. Submit construction plans to the board for approval;
- D. Advertise for bids;
- E. Open bids, and submit proposed contract awards to the board for approval; and
- F. Supervise construction of facilities through a clerk of the works.

Decisions pertaining to the construction of educational facilities will be made after consultation with professional staff, students, parents and citizens.

All plans and procedures shall be in compliance with federal and state law, and all regulations of the Maine Department of Education in all stages of facilities planning and construction.

Legal Reference: Title 20-A, MRSA, Chapter 609, § 15901-15918

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