

Minutes of the Building Committee of the Board of Education
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A meeting of the Building Committee of the Regional School District 14 Board of Education was held on Monday, January 12, 2009 at 6:30 pm in the library of Nonnewaug High School, 5 Minortown Road, Woodbury, CT.

Committee members present: Daniel Murphy, John Chapman, Robert Van Aiken, J.P. Fernandes, Sal Catalano and Stephen Sordi

Also present:

Superintendent Bob Cronin, Jay Hubelbank, Mike Molzon, architect Paul Antinozzi, construction managers Bruce Gelbar and Brian Holmes, Board member Scott Baider, and NHS student Chris Mooney.

Chairman Stephen Sordi called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

The committee reviewed a memo from Roger Parkhouse, an email correspondence from Mr. Sordi to Mr. Van Akin, and an emailed letter from Mr. Van Akin listing 15 items of concern to him. The committee is interested to know from O&G which of those items are included in their estimate.

Cost summary was reviewed and items not included in FF&E were discussed.

Mr. Gelbar stated that escalation today is estimated to be 0%. He was questioned about his predictions regarding escalation in the future. Mr. Van Akin asked that escalation be included in an estimate based on going out to bid in 2010, at the earliest.

Mr. Catalano posed the option of installing one artificial turf field and then forgoing work to the rest of the fields. His rationale was that all competition would take place on the turf field, and existing fields would become practice fields.

Much discussion of this possibility followed.

Among other arguments, Mr. Antinozzi felt a turf field would assist in selling the project, as it would be visible. Work to existing fields will not be readily visible to the average taxpayer.

Mr. Molzon was not in favor of the turf field option.

Mr. Chapman assumed that cutting the project down will be inevitable. He felt it imperative to identify the essential components to bring to referendum. He feels these are: the site work (traffic flow, etc), auditorium, cafeteria, tennis courts, and fields. He feels the committee should look at those 5, and determine the most cost conscious package to put forth.

It was reiterated that the Building Committee's charge was to recommend a project to the Board based on the educational specifications. The project, then, should be presented in its entirety. A recommendation from the committee could be attached, but it is not the committee's charge to reduce or modify it.

Mr. Sordi asked if Mr. Antinozzi should be asked to price out a turf field, and Mr. Antinozzi responded that this would take a few weeks to get an estimate.

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Mr. Hubelbank commented that Mr. Chapman's list should include inside site work, as well.

Mr. Van Akin asked what the Board anticipates from the committee at this point. Both Dr. Cronin and Mr. Hubelbank agreed that the Board anticipates a project recommendation. Mr. Van Akin worried about the "shopping list" dilemma if the Board can accept or reject parts of the plan.

Mr. Murphy was asked if it makes sense for the committee to meet with the Board; and, he felt it would make sense, once the new estimate numbers are in.

The committee decided to meet again in two week's time, on January 26, 2009. That meeting will be posted.

Hearing nothing further, Mr. Sordi requested a motion to adjourn, made by Mr. Murphy, seconded by Mr. Fernandes, and the motion unanimously carried.

The meeting of the Building Committee adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephen F. Sordi

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Building Committee Chairman

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