

**Town of Stonington
K-12 Building Committee
Special Meeting Minutes
Thursday, January 29, 2015
5:30 pm
Central Office, Old Mystic, CT**

Members Present: Rob Marseglia, Chairman; Bill Sternberg, Vice Chairman; Deborah Downie, June Strunk, George Crouse, Rob Sundman and Mike Fauerbach

Absent: Julie Holland, Secretary; Kathy Sanford

Recording Secretary: Sandy Tisiere

Guests and Citizens: Jim Barrett, DRA; Van Riley, Superintendent; Greg Keith, Mystic Middle School Principal; Alison Van Etten, Director of Special Services; Tim Smith, Pawcatuck Middle School Principal; Alicia Dawe, West Vine Street and West Broad Street Schools Principal; press and interested citizens

1. Call to Order

Chairman Marseglia called the meeting to order at 5.42pm

2. DRA Architect Report

Mr. Barrett, presented a new slide presentation with the adjustments requested by the committee at the January 20, meeting. The committee decided to base future cost calculations on the last two years of enrollment. Each slide was discussed in detail regarding how cost analysis was derived. The committee had considered using a cost comparison spreadsheet as a handout at the community workshop but the side-by-side cost comparisons didn't truly display the whole picture surrounding the options. Mr. Barrett thought it would be best to present the projected costs of all the options to the audience and do the side-by-side comparison at the end. He then showed a "footprint" of how West Vine Street School could be expanded. There was discussion if the footprint was feasible to what will be needed. The committee asked Mr. Barrett for a similar footprint for Deans Mill School. Option E, the four building option, costs were discussed. The projected costs of renovating the two middle schools into two elementary schools are still a concern. Superintendent Riley would like to meet with DRA regarding these costs. It was mentioned that if the committee chooses the option of renovating the two elementary schools and moving Central office, that both middle schools still required updating, funding for that project was discussed.

3. Discussion of timeline to referendum

The steps from the third workshop to the referendum were discussed. There is a time line and steps that needs to be followed. George Crouse will get that information for the committee so they can plan accordingly. The goal is to submit the proposal to the state by June 30th.

4. Adjourn

The following motion was made by Bill Sternberg and seconded by Rob Sundman:

To adjourn the meeting at 7:56pm

All: Aye

Julie Holland, Secretary

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