

Town of Stonington  
K-12 Building Committee  
Special Meeting Minutes - Amended  
February 11, 2014  
7:00pm

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**Members present:** Rob Marseglia, Chairman, Deane Beverly, Julie Holland, Kathy Sanford, Bill Sternberg, June Strunk

**Late arrival:** George Crouse, 7:19pm

**Recording Secretary:** Sandy Tisiere

**Guests and Citizens:** Alisa Morrison, Board of Education member, Van Riley, SPS Superintendent; Bill King, SPS Business Manager; interested citizens and members of the press.

1. **Call to Order**

Rob Marseglia, Chairman, called the meeting order at 7:05 pm

2. **Approval of Minutes – January 14, 2014**

A discussion was held regarding the minutes of January 14, 2014. Alisa Morrison was included and welcomed as a new member of the K-12 Building Committee. As Mr. Marseglia has not received a letter of appointment for Ms. Morrison, the appointment is not yet official. The minutes were to be amended to include Ms. Morrison in the guests and citizens attendance and the word "potential" added to the sentence, "*Mr. Marseglia welcomed the newest potential member to the committee, Board member Alisa Morrison*".

The following motion was made by Julie Holland and seconded by June Strunk

Motion: To approve the minutes from January 14, 2014 as amended.

All: Aye

3. **Review of WVSS and DMS Security Plan**

Mr. Marseglia asked what the responsibility of the Building Committee was in relationship to the Board of Education's plan of security revisions for the schools. Dr. Riley explained there are State requirements for school districts that have to be met so the district will be going forth with a plan of revisions to meet the requirements. The Building Committee's responsibility is to continue to proceed with the goal of remodeling/expanding the schools. As they progress, the Building Committee will work with the Board of Education to focus on continuing to bring security into schools.

4. **Update on pictures that demonstrate deficiencies at WVSS/WBSS**

5. **Other strategies to ensure \$50,000 remains in 2014/2015 Budget**

Mr. Marseglia suggested items 4 & 5 be discussed as one. The committee discussed strategies to keep the \$50,000 needed for an architect in the CIP budget. Mr. King distributed an Infrastructure Analysis report created by Ken Donovan, Facilities Manager, that is to be presented to the Board of Finance. This report is a comprehensive document that included each school, the condition of the interior and age of mechanical infrastructure. It was brought up that some of the information was 2 to 3 years old. Mr. King will have Mr. Donovan update the document to include the age of the roofs

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as well as the portable classrooms. To provide a visual connection to the condition of the schools, pictures will be presented to the Board of Finance as well. Once the Infrastructure Analysis report is updated and the pictures taken, a special committee meeting will be held to review them. The Board of Finance meeting is scheduled for February 26<sup>th</sup> so the special meeting will be held next week on Wednesday, 2/19 or Thursday, 2/20.

Additional strategies to enforce the need of the \$50,000 request would be to invite Board of Finance members to tour the schools. Although this has been done before, Ms. Holland will extend another invitation. Another strategy is to have parents contact the Board of Finance via email or telephone; the committee enlisted the assistance of Mr. Kelly, DMS PTO President. Ms. Holland said she would contact the WVSS/WBSS PTO as well.

**6. Discussion of potential Board of Finance questions**

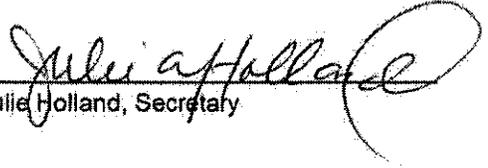
The committee wants to be prepared for the Board of Finance meeting when they present the request to keep the \$50,000 for the architect in the CIP budget. Mr. Marseglia asked the committee if they could think of any questions that the Board of Finance might have regarding their request. As this time, the committee did not; however, if anything is thought of it can be brought to the special meeting next week.

**7. Discussion of Long Range plan for school and town building projects**

Ms. Morrison had sent an email suggesting that a meeting be held with the various committees and agencies in the town of Stonington to discuss long range needs and plans. Selectman Crouse agreed that would be a good idea, however, it shouldn't be initiated by the Building Committee. If the Board of Selectmen initiated a meeting, it would include the Board of Finance and representatives from various town departments/agencies to discuss long range plans. Dr. Riley explained that the school district has already started a document that lists all the life expectancies of building needs in the next 10 years. This document will enable the school district and town to plan ahead on how to replace things as needed. This long range plan will help prioritize the needs of the building committee as well. The Building Committee will focus on the elementary schools while the town focuses on long range goals.

**8. Adjourn**

The following motion was made by Bill Sternberg and seconded by June Strunk  
Motion: To adjourn the meeting at 8:02pm  
All: Aye

  
Julie Holland, Secretary