

Town of Stonington  
K-12 Building Committee  
Special Meeting Minutes  
West Broad Street School  
March 11, 2014  
7:00pm

**Members present:** Rob Marseglia, Chairman, Julie Holland, June Strunk, Kathy Sanford

**Late arrivals:** Bill Sternberg, 7:06pm; George Crouse, 7:12pm

**Members absent:** Deane Beverly

**Recording Secretary:** Sandy Tissiere

**Guests and Citizens:** Alicia Dawe, WV/WB Principal, Ruth Rose, WV/WB Assistant Principal, Sam Mandell, Family Resource Center, and WV/WB PTO members

1. **Call to Order**

Rob Marseglia called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm

2. **Approval of minutes: Special Meeting February 11, 2014; Special Meeting February 19, 2014**

On page 2 of the February 11, 2014 minutes, Julie Holland was mentioned as Julie Hill, the minutes will be amended for correction.

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

Motion: To approve the minutes from February 11, 2014 (as amended) and February 19, 2014.

All: Aye

3. **Preparations needed to hire an architect in July, 2014**

The committee discussed the necessary steps prior to hiring an architect. As there are procedures/protocols to follow when going forth with a municipal project, it was decided that Maryanna Stevens, Stonington Director of Finance, and Barbara McKrell, Stonington Director of Public Works be invited to the April 8 meeting. Also, it was suggested the committee look at the RFP package for the Stonington High School fields as it was a the most recent completed project for the school district.

4. **Strategies for the 2014/2015 Town Budget Referendum**

As the WV/WB PTO members had just discussed strategies to encourage parents to vote at their meeting prior to the Building Committee meeting; Rob Marseglia invited them to share their strategies.

The members of the PTO shared the following strategies used to reach out to parents:

- Phone tree
- Email chain
- Contacting various community agencies to post reminder to vote notices
- Flyers put on windshields at various community activities
- Sandwich boards

The PTO members also mentioned that Superintendent Van Riley spoke on a local radio station last year regarding the importance of voting.

Other strategies to reiterate the importance of voting and bringing community awareness of the need for modernization/renovation of the schools were discussed. One suggestion was to create a presentation or virtual tour comparing the pictures of the current condition of the schools to the pictures taken during the tours of recently remodeled/built schools in the area. Venues to share this information could be on the web or as a presentation to the public utilizing various community agencies. Another suggestion was to contact the area Chambers of Commerce so they could possibly enlist the assistance of local businesses. Another resource could be contacting Paul Sartor as he has experience in promotion of other school district projects.

5. **Adjourn**

The following motion was made by June Strunk and seconded by Bill Sternberg:

Motion: To adjourn the meeting at 8:09pm

All: Aye

  
Julie Holland, Secretary