

**Town of Stonington
K-12 Building Sub-Committee
Meeting Minutes
Monday, March 30, 2015
7:00pm
Pawcatuck Middle School, Pawcatuck, CT**

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Members Present: Rob Marseglia, Chairman; Bill Sternberg, Vice Chairman; Julie Holland, Secretary; and Deborah Downie

Members Absent: George Crouse, June Strunk, Rob Sundman, Kathy Sanford and Mike Fauerbach

Recording Secretary: Sandy Tissiere

Guests and Citizens: Tim Smith, Principal, Pawcatuck Middle School; Alicia Dawe, Principal, West Broad/West Vine Street Campus; and interested citizens

1. Call to Order

Chairman Marseglia called the meeting to order at 7:10pm.

2. Presentation of Elementary Schools Modernization Plan

Chairman Marseglia welcomed the audience to the community informational meeting for the Elementary Schools Modernization Plan. He told the audience that comments could be made and questions could be asked during the presentation. Mr. Marseglia presented a slide show on the final committee recommendation for the Elementary Schools Modernization Plan. The presentation included the steps taken, the options considered, the role of the architect in the determination of a final decision and projected costs.

The following are audience questions and comments: 1.) Why couldn't the Central Office be moved to the available space at the Police Station? Julie Holland answered that she had toured the space with Chief Stewart to view it as a transition space. They discussed the space as use for Central Office but due to security it couldn't be used for that purpose. The space was also discussed as possible storage space for the town and school district. 2.) The \$2,000,000 originally designated for moving Central Office and the removal of this request was discussed. Mr. Marseglia explained it wasn't a sufficient amount for what would be needed if considering West Broad Street School as a possible location and the timeframe didn't permit the committee to explore all the options thoroughly. Once the elementary project is started, then a volunteer task force could be created to explore the options for use of various empty buildings in town. 3.) Was an elevator at West Broad Street School included in the cost of Option B? The committee answered yes, that \$500,000 has been allotted. 4.) What kind of storage will be offered at the new elementary schools? The buildings will be designed to accommodate adequate storage. 5.) Will portable classrooms be used during construction and are they included in the cost of project? Although, as much work as possible would be done during summer, portables will be used and the cost is included. 6.) Would both schools be worked on simultaneously? Yes, there would be one construction manager and two construction crews. 7.) What can I say to parents to encourage them to vote for this project? Mr. Marseglia answered, "We can do better". Describe the current conditions of the schools; let the community know that the schools need remodeling to manage the financial impact on the taxpayer.

3. Adjourn

The following motion was made by Bill Sternberg and seconded by Julie Holland:

Motion: To adjourn the meeting at 9:17pm.

All: Aye

Julie Holland, Secretary