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Amended
Town of Stonington
K-12 Building Committee
Special Meeting Minutes
Central Office
May 13, 2014
7:00pm
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Members present: Rob Marseglia, Chairman, Julie Holland, Bill Sternberg, George Crouse, June Strunk

Members absent: Deane Beverly, Kathy Sanford

Recording Secretary: Sandy Tisiere

Guests and citizens: Bill King, SPS Business Manager, Paul Sartor

1. Call to Order

Rob Marseglia called the meeting to order at 7:19pm

2. Approval of minutes: Special Meeting, April 8, 2014

The following motion was made by George Crouse and seconded by Bill Sternberg

Motion: To approve the minutes from April 8, 2014

Abstention: June Strunk

Aye: Rob Marseglia, Julie Holland, Bill Sternberg, and George Crouse

3. Discussion of RFP Process to hire an architect in July, 2014

The meeting started with a conversation around the discussion that took place at the Board of Education meeting regarding converting the middle schools from grades 5-8 to grade level schools of 5-6 and 7-8. The suggestion was made that perhaps the entire district should be changed to this same model including the elementary schools i.e. two elementary schools: K-2 and 3-5, one middle school: 6-8 and the high school: 9-12. With only four schools, costs could be saved in both staff and operations. The committee discussed the pros and cons such as the amount of time that a child would be on the bus, the value of neighborhood schools and the equality of education. If considered, this would be something that would involve the community's input and opinion. Bill King will do a student population analysis around this concept. Rob Marseglia will contact Frank Todisco, BOE Chairman, to ask the Board of Education's view of this idea.

RFP Process

Bill Sternberg distributed two draft documents. The first legal notice document discussed the envisioned project and requirements to be submitted for bid. The committee discussed the content and added some items.

The 2nd document was the task statement. It was decided that the first question could be omitted because it involved a feasibility study of renovating WVSS. To ensure the project can proceed, Bill Sternberg will inquire of Ed Habarek, First Selectman, to request the town-engineering staff to conduct this study.

A brief discussion of where the Central Administration staff should be located ensued. The current location is not in close proximity to the schools and the building is outdated. It was suggested the staff could be housed at different locations within the district. If the building were not being used by the school district, it would be a savings in operational costs.

A project timeline was developed:

Advertising – 2 days

Proposal Submission – 30 days

Finalization – The second week of July

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To give the committee time to review the documents and make any necessary changes in a timely manner, they will meet in Executive Session weekly starting on Tuesday, May 20, 2014 at 7:00pm.

Regarding the need for additional members for the committee, the Board of Education has sent forward Alisa Morrison as the BOE representative for the K-12 Building Committee to the First Selectman. The committee still needs one more member.

4. **Adjourn**

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

Motion: To adjourn the meeting at 8:36pm

All: Aye



Julie Holland, Secretary