

**Town of Stonington  
K-12 Building Committee and Board of Education  
Special Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, July 15, 2014  
7:00 pm  
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**K-12 Building Committee Members Present:** Rob Marseglia, Chairman, Bill Sternberg, June Strunk, George Crouse, and Deborah Downie

**Late Arrival:** Kathy Sanford - 7:10pm

**Members Absent:** Julie Holland

**Stonington Board of Education Members Present:** Frank Todisco, Chairman, Craig Esposito, Alisa Morrison, and Terry Stefanski

**Late Arrival:** Faith Leitner – 7:29pm

**Members Absent:** Alexa Garvey

**Recording Secretary:** Sandy Tissiere

**Guests and Citizens:** Van Riley, SPS Superintendent; Bill King, SPS Business Manager; Alicia Dawe, WVS/WBS Campus Principal; Jenn McCurdy, Deans Mill School Principal; Hayley Gillis, press and interested citizens

**1. Call to Order**

Rob Marseglia, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:03pm

Rob Marseglia thanked everyone for coming to the meeting. He introduced Haley Gillis, a Stonington resident, who asked to speak to the committee regarding how reusable/renewable energy could be integrated into the renovations/remodeling/building projects of the schools. Mr. Marseglia also told everyone that the meeting was an open forum and to join in the discussion with their thoughts.

Frank Todisco, Board of Education Chairman, called the BOE Special Joint Meeting to order at 7:05pm

**2. Approval of Minutes from July 8, 2014**

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

**Motion:** To approve the minutes from July 8, 2014

All: Aye

**3. Combined discussion with BOE regarding building options**

The discussion was started by Rob Marseglia with opening the floor to Dr. Van Riley to talk about the additional option he had presented to the Board of Education. Dr. Riley reiterated his presentation of the option of building one middle school and moving the elementary levels into the two existing middle schools. This would decrease the number of buildings the school district needs from seven to four resulting in a cost savings. The four buildings not being used by the school district could be used

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for generating income. He also stated that there have not been any studies or analysis regarding cost feasibility as of yet. The combined committees, guests, and audience discussed the various options and possibilities for reconfiguration of the elementary schools and the middle schools.

The conversation moved to the review of the RFQ Scoping and Tasking document and suggested changes for its content. Changes and edits were discussed and noted to be included in the RFQ Scoping and Tasking document. During the discussion of the document, Rob Marseglia invited Haley Gillis, Stonington resident, to speak on behalf of renewable/reusable energy. Ms. Gillis spoke about energy options in regards to building a new middle school that is "green" and energy efficient. She told the committee about LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design), a green building certification program that recognizes best-in-class building strategies and practices. The committee agreed that verbiage should be included in the RFQ Scoping and Tasking document that addresses energy efficiency and green practices.

**4. Discussion of RFP – Finalize Scoping and Tasking document**

For this item on the agenda, Rob Marseglia, said that if the Board of Education wanted to adjourn, the Building Committee would make the final changes to the RFQ Scoping and Tasking document to submit to the town for processing. Mr. Marseglia thanked the BOE for their ideas and thoughts and the audience for their participation.

The following motion was made by Falth Leitner and seconded by Craig Esposito:

**Motion:** To adjourn the Board of Education joint meeting with the K-12 Building committee at 8:06pm

All: Aye

The Building Committee proceeded with the recommended edits to finalize the RFQ document. The edits were completed with the decision made to email the final draft document to Maryanna Stevens, Stonington Director of Finance, for final review and posting.

The following motion was made by George Crouse and seconded by Kathy Sanford:

**Motion:** To forward the Draft RFP Scoping and Tasking document to Town Hall to be posted July 21, 2014.

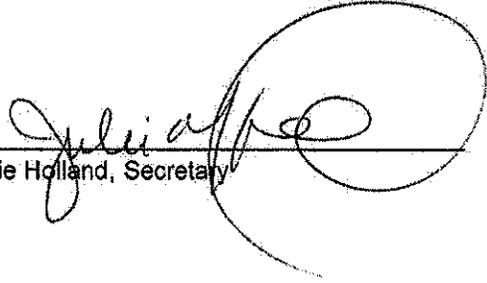
All: Aye

**5. Adjournment**

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

**Motion:** To adjourn the meeting at 9:32pm

All: Aye

  
Julie Holland, Secretary