

**Town of Stonington  
K-12 Building Sub-Committee  
Special Meeting Minutes  
Monday, November 10, 2014  
6:00 pm  
Central Office, Old Mystic, CT**

**Members Present:** Rob Marseglia, Chairman, Deborah Downie, Rob Sundman and June Strunk

**Absent:** Bill Sternberg, Julie Holland, Secretary, and Kathy Sanford

**Late Arrival:** George Crouse 6:14pm

**Recording Secretary:** Sandy Tisiere

**Guests and Citizens:** Paul Sartor

**1. Call to Order**

Rob Marseglia, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 6:00pm

**2. Review – Community Meeting Invitation**

Mr. Marseglia distributed the Community Workshop invitation to the committee members for review (attached). The committee reviewed the document and made changes to the Community Workshop invitation.

For distribution: Mr. Marseglia will process the press release and send the flyer to the school principals; Mr. Crouse will assist in distribution to the town hall; Ms. Holland will distribute to the community and, with the superintendent's approval, Ms. Tisiere will send the flyers home to the elementary school parents via backpack.

**3. Adjournment**

The following motion was made by June Strunk and seconded by Rob Sundman:

**Motion:** To adjourn the meeting at 6:41pm

All: Aye

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Julie Holland, Secretary

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**Stonington K-12 Building Committee**  
**Elementary School Modernization Study**  
**Public Workshop, 1<sup>st</sup> of 3**

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**TUESDAY - NOVEMBER 18, 2014**  
**7:00 pm to 8:30 pm**  
**Stonington High School Commons**  
**176 South Broad Street, Pawcatuck, CT**

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The Stonington K-12 Building Committee invites you to participate in the first of three community workshops regarding modernization of Stonington's elementary schools.

The K-12 Building Committee has selected Drummey & Lane Anderson, Inc. ("DRA") to study modernization of the elementary schools. The architects and engineers at DRA are in the process of assessing existing school sites and other possible locations, and will consider the broadest range of possible options to address the needs of Stonington's schools. In addition to meeting with school staff to learn about education programming needs, the K-12 Building Committee and DRA have planned three workshops for town residents.

The workshop topics and schedule are:

Tuesday, November 18: **LISTENING: Gathering community input**  
Monday, December 15: **ALTERNATIVES: Understanding the options**  
TBD, January 2015: **SHAPING RECOMMENDATIONS**

At the LISTENING Workshop, we will use the agenda below to gather your thoughts, ideas, and suggestions.

**WORKSHOP AGENDA**

7:00 - 7:10	Informational Displays
7:10 - 7:15	Welcome
7:15 - 7:20	Overview
7:20 - 7:35	Workshop Overview
7:35 - 8:15	Breakout Sessions
8:15 - 8:25	Re-Group / Re-Cap
8:25 - 8:30	Concluding Comments

We hope you will be able to attend. Students are also encouraged to attend and participate.

*See other side for more information*

## Frequently Asked Questions

### **Has the K-12 Building Committee made any decisions about the future of the elementary schools?**

No !!! The K-12 Building Committee is systematically exploring various ideas to find the best value solution for Stonington.

### **I've attended previous Board of Education and/or Building Committee meetings about our school system. Why do I need to attend this meeting?**

Your knowledge, understanding, and input are a welcome and needed part of this process. The condition of our elementary schools is a key issue facing our community, and there are many options to explore. We hope that you will participate in this process.

### **I see there are three different community workshops being scheduled over the next three months. Should I attend all three workshops?**

Yes. The focus of each workshop is different. The purpose of the November 18<sup>th</sup> workshop will be to **listen** to citizens and obtain community input. In December, the focus will be on taking information from the previous workshop and developing **alternatives**. Finally, the workshop in January will focus on the specific **recommendations** that will be proposed to the Building Committee. Workshops will build on each other.

### **What specific topic will be discussed at this first community workshop?**

Concurrent breakout sessions will collect community input on the topics of:

- "Containers" – the physical facilities / sites
- "Contents" – contemporary early childhood education programming
- "Currents" – Stonington's trends including demographics and enrollments
- "Children/students" – assessing the positions and needs of students

### **I have ideas about what's important for our schools. How can I share those ideas with DRA and the K-12 Building Committee?**

Attend the November 18<sup>th</sup> community workshop! If you are unable to attend in person, please send your comments to [k12building@stonington-ct.gov](mailto:k12building@stonington-ct.gov). Information sent to this e-mail address will be collected and shared with DRA.

### **What will be done with the results of this workshop?**

DRA will use community input to shape options and recommendations that will be presented to the K-12 Building Committee.

### **When will the K-12 Building Committee act on DRA's study recommendations?**

The timeline calls for DRA's recommendations to be presented to the K-12 Building Committee following the study conclusion at the end of January, 2015. The K-12 Building Committee is targeting a referendum for late winter.