

Chatfield School Building Committee  
Informational Session  
Thursday, July 31, 2008  
Chatfield School  
7:00 p.m.

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Present: Donald Smith, Bruce Baker, Ray Catlin, Gene Coppola, Saundra Gesek, Phyllis Jachimowski, Judy Legeza, Jay Hatfield, Paul Roy, Yashu Putorti, Frank Conroy, Trisha Danka, Fred Stanek, Mark Thompson (7:15 p.m.)

Absent: Peter Kubik, Kurt Miller

Antinozzi Associates' Representatives: Paul Antinozzi  
Andy Cominelli

Board of Education Representatives: MaryAnne Mascolo  
Richard Belden  
Jay Brennan

Press: Lauren Garrison – "New Haven Register"  
Melvin Mason - "Connecticut Post"

Mr. Smith called the session to order at 7:10 p.m. and led those present in the pledge to the flag. He announced that an e-mailed agenda sent to the Town Clerk's Office never arrived and, consequently, this evening's session would only be an informational one. No formal action would be taken.

Mr. Smith distributed updated inserts for the demographic report and reminded Committee members to include them in the total packet. He pointed out with the demographic results that Chatfield School would need an additional twenty rooms. If the combined school concept of the Chatfield and LoPresti schools is accepted, a total of thirty-seven new classrooms would have to be constructed.

Mr. Smith also stated that he had e-mailed the Geo-Technical Engineering Report to all Committee members.

#### Discussion with Architects

Mr. Antinozzi addressed the Committee and stated that he and his firm members had worked on modifications for Scheme II of the building project. They were able to enlarge the cafeteria area as well as the school's media center. This was done by utilizing the current gymnasium at the Chatfield School for just media center purposes. The elimination of proposed offices, storage areas, and a renovated boiler room will allow for this expansion. With the new design, two hundred forty seven students would be able to use the cafeteria in one lunch sitting. Through this new design, the library area was also able to be increased to 2300 square feet.

Mr. Antinozzi stated that his firm had utilized the services of Turner Construction for obtaining estimates for costs of the project. He distributed a sheet enumerating the costs of scenarios one and two.

Scenario One, only involving the renovation of the existing Chatfield School would cost approximately \$19,850,903. With State reimbursement, the Town's share of the cost would be \$10,244,930. The cost of Scenario Two, including the merging of the Chatfield and LoPresti schools' populations, would cost approximately \$28,548,387 of which the Town's share would be \$11,316,580.

Much discussion ensued. Mr. Smith asked if the cost estimates included the price of a generator that would allow the school to be used as an emergency situation. Mr. Antinozzi responded that it was.

Mr. Thompson mentioned that there was actually a cost saving with the combining of the two schools. It was pointed out that this was so because it would require totally new construction and not all repair and renovation of the existing school which would not meet reimbursement guidelines.

Mr. Hatfield inquired as to how these estimates compared with the estimates and actual costs of the high school building project. As materials have gotten more expensive today, had this difference been included in the estimated figure.

Mr. Antinozzi responded that they had.

Mr. Smith inquired if the planned contingency funds in the estimated figure were sufficient.

Mr. Antinozzi stated that they were.

Mr. Thompson inquired if a traffic study of the area should be done as the parking area was going to be completely overhauled and many more buses would be used with an increased school population.

Mr. Antinozzi agreed that that would be a wise thing to do.

As Committee representation will be attending the Board of Education meeting of August 4, 2008 and a joint meeting session is scheduled with the Board of Selectmen on Tuesday evening, August 5, 2008

Mr. Stanek suggested that a summary report be prepared and ready for distribution at the planned joint meeting sessions. With proper information and a thorough presentation, Board of Selectmen action would be facilitated in changing the charge of the Committee. Its current charge is only involved with the expansion and renovation of the Chatfield School.

Mr. Smith assured all members that all would be in order for the planned meeting sessions.

Hearing nothing further, the informational session was concluded at 8:21 p.m.

Submitted by:

Eugene Coppola