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Special Meeting
Chatfield School
Building Committee
Tuesday, July 22, 2008
Chatfield School
7:00 p.m.

Present: Donald Smith, Bruce Baker, Ray Catlin, Gene Coppola, Saundra Gesek, Judy Legeza, Paul Roy, Phyllis Jachimowski, Frank Conroy, Yashu Putorti, Fred Stanek

Absent: Peter Kubik, Trisha Danka, Mark Thompson, Kurt Miller, Jay Hatfield

Antinozzi Associates Representatives: Andy Cominelli
Mike Ayles

Board of Education Representatives: Richard Belden
Jay Brennan
MaryAnne Mascolo

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

Mr. Smith called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m. and led those present in the pledge to the flag.

Mr. Smith called for acceptance of the minutes of July 9, 2008.

MOTION: (Mr. Baker, sec., Mr. Catlin) to approve the minutes of the special meeting of July 9, 2008.

So moved.

Affirmative: Mr. Baker, Mr. Catlin, Mr. Coppola, Mrs. Legeza, Ms. Gesek, Mrs. Jachimowski, Mr. Stanek, Mr. Conroy, Mr. Putorti, Mr. Smith

Opposed: None.

Abstentions: Mr. Roy

Review of Demographic Report

Mr. Smith distributed copies of the finalized demographic report prepared by Ross Haber Associates. The final draft includes all the recommended changes and updates discussed at the prior meeting. The Committee membership was advised to review the report and be prepared to discuss it and vote for its acceptance at the next scheduled meeting of the membership scheduled for July 31, 2008.

Mr. Stanek expressed his opinion that the final draft of the report did not take into consideration any future building development in the Chatfield School area.

Ms. Gesek inquired if the prekindergarten classes were still being included in the building program. She was informed that they were.

Discussion with Architects

Mike Ayles stated that he was only going to discuss the designs at this meeting session. At this point in time, the Committee's and architects' work is right on schedule with the overall building schedule plan devised at the June 12, 2008 meeting.

A draft copy of a Feasibility Study prepared by the architectural firm was distributed to the Committee membership for its perusal.

Two design plans were also distributed to the Committee members.

Mr. Cominelli addressed the Committee and discussed the new designs. The Scheme One plan only involved the renovation and addition to the present Chatfield School. If the Committee and the Town fathers wish to continue with this plan, the school would be increased to 52,921 square feet of which 10,000 square feet would not be reimbursable by the State. By combining the school populations of the Chatfield and LoPresti schools, the State will allow a building of 83,711 square feet of which all would be reimbursable. The design the architects have come up with totals 74,837 square feet, approximately 8,000 square feet lower than the State allowance.

Mr. Stanek expressed concern with the planned size of the school cafeteria. Would it be able to accommodate a combined school population?

Mr. Cominelli responded that it would be able to accommodate the new total, however, it may require scheduling four cafeteria sittings instead of the present three.

Mr. Catlin expressed his concerns with the planned size of the new classrooms as they appeared to be no bigger than the ones currently at the school.

Mr. Cominelli responded that the new classrooms would indeed be larger by approximately 120 square feet.

Discussion ensued regarding the two designs.

Mr. Stanek stated that if the Committee were indeed serious of combining the two schools' populations, a meeting with the Board of Selectmen should be planned as soon as possible.

It was stated that the combined school plan will be discussed and acted upon by the Board of Education at its next scheduled meeting of August 4, 2008.

Committee member representatives will try to establish a joint special meeting with the Board of Selectmen on Tuesday evening, August 5, 2008, at 7:00 p.m., with the Board of Selectmen at the Town Hall. If the selectmen agree with the proposal, a joint meeting of the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Finance will be scheduled for the evening of August 19, 2008.

It was decided that the scheduled meeting of the Committee set for July 29, 2008 would be cancelled and a special meeting will be held on Thursday evening, July 31, 2008, at 7:00 p.m., at the Chatfield School. At this session, cost estimates for the project will be presented and discussed.

Approve Invoices

Two invoices were presented at this meeting session for Committee action.

MOTION: (Mr. Baker, sec., Mr. Roy) to approve payment of \$1,526 to GEO Design for work done on geotechnical studies of the building site area.

So moved.

Affirmative: Mr Baker, Mr. Roy, Mr. Catlin, Mr. Coppola, Mrs. Legeza, Ms. Gesek, Mrs. Jachimowski, Mr. Stanek, Mr. :Putorti, Mr. Conroy, Mr. Smith

Opposed: None.

MOTION: (Mr. Putorti, sec., Mrs. Legeza) to approve payment of \$11,550 to Nafis and Young for land surveying services per contract.

So moved.

Affirmative: Mr. Putorti, Mrs. Legeza, Mr. Baker, Mr. Catlin, Mr. Coppola, Ms. Gesek, Mrs. Jachimowski, Mr. Stanek, Mr. Conroy, Mr. Roy, Mr. Smith

Opposed: None.

Hearing nothing further:

MOTION: (Mr. Baker, sec., Mr. Putorti) to adjourn the meeting.

So moved.

Affirmative: Mr. Baker, Mr. Putorti, Mr. Catlin, Mr. Coppola, Mrs. Legeza, Ms. Gesek, Mrs. Jachimowski, Mr. Stanek, Mr. Conroy, Mr. Roy, Mr. Smith

Opposed: None.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

The next meeting session will be a special meeting scheduled for Thursday evening, July 31, 2008, at 7:00 p.m. at the Chatfield School.

Submitted by:

Eugene Coppola