

Seymour Board of Education
Facilities Sub-Committee

Minutes
February 4, 2008
Seymour Middle School
6:45 p.m.

Those in attendance: Mr. Bruce Baker, Mr. Jason Buchsbaum, Mr. Jim Ward, Ms. MaryAnne Mascolo, Mrs. Christine Syriac, Mr. Rick Belden, Mr. Wayne Natzel, Mr. Jim Garofolo (arrived 7:16 p.m.)

Meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m.

MOTION: (Mr. Jim Ward/Mr. Jason Buchsbaum) to nominate Mr. Jason Buchsbaum for chair person.

SO VOTED

AFFIRMATIVE: Mr. Jim Ward, Mr. Jason Buchsbaum

Mr. Wayne Natzel discussed where we are regarding our use of green products within the schools. It was noted that these products are becoming more price competitive. Being “green” in our schools not only means using green products but also includes air quality, carpeting, sound in classrooms (impacts student learning), lighting. Over Christmas break, Chatfield School began using green products to test their quality. By July 1st, we hope to be using the green products (hand soaps, floor finishes, floor wax) in all schools and be using EPA approved disinfectants and be approximately 95% green. In addition, as the Walking/Riding Scrubbers age out, they will be replaced with more energy efficient models and instead of using dry mops, we will be using Hepa Filter Vacuum Cleaners, and several of our paper towel dispensers have been changed. Wayne has also asked CL&P to do an audit of our facilities to replace or reduce the carbon footprint.

Mr. Rick Belden reviewed the Five-Year Capital Plan and discussed what has been accomplished in repairs, maintenance, and capital projects to date. The bleachers, auditorium sound, and lighting upgrades at the high school are being covered by the High School Building Committee on the Capital List.

Proposed capital projects include:

1. Code compliance – replacement of varsity field and related issues
2. Work on track
3. Chatfield School addition/renovations
4. Roof and window project at Bungay School

It was noted that safety oriented projects only will be done at LoPresti since building is in excess of 90 years old and the plan is to build a new school in ten to twelve years. The School Needs Committee recommends purchasing property now in the LoPresti District to be available for construction of a new school. A letter will be prepared and sent to the First Selectman regarding this.

MOTION: (Mr. Jim Ward, Mr. Jason Buchsbaum) to adjourn at 7:29 p.m.

SO VOTED

AFFIRMATIVE: Mr. Jim Ward, Mr. Jason Buchsbaum, Mr. Jim Garofolo

The meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Submitted by:
MaryAnne Mascolo