

Seymour Board of Education



FACILITIES COMMITTEE MINUTES

September 19, 2016
Chatfield-LoPresti School
Conference Room
7:45 p.m.

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DATE: 9/28/16
TIME: 10:55 AM
TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

COMMITTEE MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Jim Garofolo
Jay Hatfield
Fred Stanek

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Rick Belden, Assistant Superintendent
Wayne Natzel, Facilities Director
Rozanne Cuda
Jason Cuda
Pat Boyle, Board Clerk

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Hatfield called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:45 p.m.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

Rozanne and Jason Cuda spoke to the committee about naming the Seymour High School Gymnasium after Joseph Cuda. Mrs. Cuda said her husband worked with Mr. Sponheimer to build up the football booster club program at the high school as well as starting the Hoopsters Club for Basketball. He paid for the basketball banquet himself for many years. She said he never wanted recognition but his family would like to see him honored for all of the years he spent mentoring Seymour youth. Mr. Cuda said his father was an avid sports fan even though neither of his sons participated.

III. DISCUSSION

A. Discussion and Possible Action

1. Petition to Name the Seymour High School Gymnasium

Mr. Garofolo said he has ambivalent feelings about naming parts of buildings for people as it stays that way forever. He said we could get someone else who is just as deserving or more deserving in a few years and then what do you do. He doesn't want to take away anything away from what Mr. Cuda did for the youth but is uncomfortable naming a facility. He would rather look at establishing a hall at the high school with plaques for individuals such as Mr. Cuda who have dedicated time to the youth of Seymour. Mr. Stanek said that Mr. Cuda would be a great candidate for the John J. Gallagher Award that is given out in June. Mr. Hatfield noted that the Hall of Fame includes a special recognition category and suggested we table this discussion to revisit it at a later time. Mr. Stanek wants to have this discussion with the full board. The committee offered their thanks to the Cudas for coming out tonight.

2. Air Conditioning in Schools

Mr. Natzel looked into the possibility of installing air conditioning at Bungay School. To properly air condition Bungay School we would need six units at approximately \$80,000 per unit. In addition an upgrade of the electrical infrastructure and roof would be necessary as well. Mr. Belden indicated that the potential overall cost of the project could approach \$1 million. The committee wanted to know why this was being discussed at this time. Mr. Belden said it was being discussed because of parent concerns about the imbalance between the two elementary schools.

The air conditioning is also an issue with students with medical conditions requiring air conditioning. Mr. Stanek felt we should bring this issue to the town selectman or the Permanent Building Committee to ask for a feasibility study to see if we could renovate as new Bungay School. Mr. Garofolo wanted to know what other capital projects we are going to need to do. Mr. Belden said there are still some OCR compliance issues that are going to need to be addressed as well as air conditioning at the high school. There would need to be electrical upgrades as well at Bungay School and Seymour High School. The consensus of the committee was that we need to look at this as a larger scope project and it needs to be added to the agenda for October 3, 2016 to be addressed by the full board.

MOTION: (Mr. Garofolo/sec., Mr. Stanek) move to present to the full board a preliminary capital project plan for all schools within the district for discussion and possible action.

SO VOTED

AFFIRMATIVE: Mr. Hatfield, Mr. Stanek, Mr. Garofolo

3. Access Road, Football Field-High School

The use of the access road from Ross Drive to the Press Box area has been shut down. This road is not wide enough, has no barricades, and is not lighted, creating a community safety issue. The amount of handicap parking spots has been increased in the lower parking lot to accommodate those individuals who need handicapped parking and handicapped accessibility to the field and bleachers.

4. PPE Energy Incentive

The energy incentive being offered by Eversource through the Small Business Energy Incentive Program would improve lighting / energy efficiency at Bungay School, Chatfield-LoPresti School and Seymour Middle School. The incentive plan would have no cost to the Board of Education as the upgrades would be offset by the savings in electricity.

MOTION: (Mr. Garofolo/sec., Mr. Stanek) to accept the proposal of Power Point Energy dated September 8, 2016 to perform various energy efficiency improvements at Chatfield LoPresti School, Bungay School and Seymour Middle School and to authorize the Superintendent to enter into an agreement with Eversource to provide no-cost financing to the Seymour Public Schools utilizing the Small Business Energy Advantage Program.

SO VOTED

AFFIRMATIVE: Mr. Hatfield, Mr. Stanek, Mr. Garofolo

IV. REPORTS

A. Summer Update-Wayne Natzel

B. Chairman's Report

Mr. Hatfield wanted the custodians to know they did a tremendous job. He also asked if Public Works was cutting the grass at the high school. Mr. Natzel said they are doing more and more of the grass cutting. Mr. Hatfield also stated that he wanted the committee to be more proactive prior to the budget this year. With that in mind, he would like another meeting prior to the budget being done.

C. Superintendent's Report

Mr. Belden wanted everyone to know that the start of the school year went very smoothly. He felt this was due in large part to Tony DePrimo from Public Works getting the striping and pothole repairs done several weeks in advance. Mr. Belden will draft a letter from the committee thanking Public Works for the commendable job and including it in the October board packet.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

VI. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: (Mr. Garofolo/sec., Mr. Stanek) to adjourn the meeting

SO VOTED

AFFIRMATIVE: Mr. Hatfield, Mr. Stanek, Mr. Garofolo

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Submitted by:
Pat Boyle