

Southington Board of Education
Southington, CT

FACILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

July 27, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. at Plantsville Elementary School.

In attendance – Committee Members:

Board of Education:	Kathy Rickard, David Derynoski, Colleen Clark, Rosemarie Fischer and in addition Jill Notar-Francesco and Terri Carmody
School Administration:	Howard Thiery, Assistant Superintendent, Frederick G. Cox, Jr., Director of Operations, Jim Lombardo, Maintenance Foreman
Town Council:	Peter Romano
Town Board of Finance:	Edward Pocock, Jr.
Town Government:	John Weichsel, Attorney Mark Sciota

Committee Members Absent: Dr. Joseph V. Erardi, Jr., Superintendent of Schools, Charlie Beliveau, Supervisor of Building & Grounds

Agenda Item: Review and Update of North Center Facility Options #1 and #2:

Attorney Sciota recapped the Town Council presentation of July 12, 2010. Attorney Sciota indicated that Dr. Erardi presented option #1, the renovation of North Center and sharing of office space between the Board of Education and several Town Departments.

Attorney Sciota indicated that option #2 (selling the property and building to a developer) and leasing back for ten years with purchase back option was being drawn up. He presented to the administration a draft RFP for their review and comments. Attorney Sciota indicated that he is anticipating the first week of October for opening the responses to the RFP.

Agenda Item: Discussion on Phase II of Facilities Committee Charge:

It was noted that the second charge of the Facility Committee was to bring to the Board of Education a plan that both the Board of Education, Town Council and Board of Finance could embrace for the middle school projects. It was also noted that earlier this spring, the committee had already come to a consensus (not unanimous) to bring forward a two school plan.

Town Manager John Weichsel indicated that he needed an update of middle school student population projections. His belief is that current student populations are projected on the decline. Discussion followed.

Town Manager John Weichsel also asked for a copy of the identified actual needs of the two middle school buildings as they currently exist. The administration will provide documentation to Mr. Weichsel. Further discussion followed regarding the programming and facility needs at these 1960's facilities.

Motion: by Kathy Rickard, seconded by Colleen Clark:

Motion to present to the Board of Education the two school plan; to "Renovate As New" following a feasibility study, while also requesting funding of the study by the Town Council.

The motion passed unanimously with one abstention by Mr. Weichsel.

Following that motion Mr. Derynoski suggested to schedule a special Board of Ed meeting to discuss these projects, including invitations to all members of the Facility Advisory Committee. The consensus was that meeting would be designated by the Board of Education in the very near future.

Motion: by David Derynoski, seconded by Kathy Rickard:

"Move to adjourn."

The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Dr. Joseph V. Erardi, Jr., Superintendent of Schools will advise the committee on the location and time for the next meeting.

Respectfully submitted,


Frederick G. Cox, Jr.
Director of Operations