

# MINUTES OF MEETING

Board of Education Liaison Committee

March 5, 2014

The Board of Education Liaison Committee conducted the regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, March 5, 2014 in the Board Room of the Board of Education Administration Building, 1000 East Broadway, Stratford, CT pursuant to notice duly posted.

**1. Call to Order:** 6:30 pm

**Presiding:** Chairman Paul Hoydick

**Committee Members in Attendance:** Council Members Paul Hoydick, Craig Budnick, and Jason Santi; Board of Education Members Andrea Veilleux, Robert Chaloux and Jancee Pust-Marcone

**Others in Attendance:** Superintendent of Schools Dr. Janet Robinson, Board of Education Business Manager Clarence Zachary

**Documents Distributed during meeting:**

- Bd. of Education proposed itemized estimate of Expenditures for 2014-2015
- CEP/CIP budgeted items/projects – progress YTD

**2. Approval of Minutes: Regularly scheduled meeting of September 4, 2013.**

A motion was made by Mr. Santi and seconded by Ms. Veilleux to approve the foregoing minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

**3. Old Business:** None

**4. Update on Central Office Parking Situation at the Board of Ed Facility** — Dr. Robinson reported that, of the 70 parking spaces available in the lot, 55 are for Central Office staff and 35 for Center School staff. Street parking is also available. The current parking situation does not allow for additional help, visitors, or meetings. Additional parking at the playground area next to Center School is potential for more space.

Chairman Hoydick will request this item be placed on Public Works Committee meeting agenda.

**5. Update re: Honeyspot House (Victoria Soto School) construction project** — Mr. Zachary met today with the contractor to review phases. Mr. Chaloux stated that construction should begin in April (weather permitting) and he pointed out plans for temporary parking. 290 student enrollment is projected; the State recognizes a 280-student projection. Question arose re: is the cost of the project still the same as originally quoted, plans to replace existing playground, paving after construction, reimbursement of funds. Building will contain 4 kindergarten classrooms.

**6. Update re: Stratford High School renovation project** — A review subcommittee will be established at the Building Needs Committee meeting. It was noted that Board of Education members Barnaby and Petrucelli are representatives to the Building Needs Committee. Mr. Chaloux asked if project will proceed with current plans to meet deadlines. June 15 is the deadline for “shovel in the ground” phase. Cost estimate: \$56,000,000. Discussion went on re: combining the two high schools.

**7. Facilities Tour for new Board of Ed members and Town Council members** — The Board of Education will arrange an e-vite.

**8. CEP/CIP Priorities List - review** — Mr. Zachary met yesterday with Public Works personnel and reviewed the above-cited list. Mr. Zachary pointed out that, of the 13 schools, 7 have roofs out of warranty. \$1.6 million is unspent. To phase in roof replacements, preference should be given to Nichols, Whitney and Wilcoxson Schools.

**9. Board of Education Budget** — continuing item. The above-cited document was reviewed and has been submitted to the Mayor's office. Arrangements will be made to conduct a formal budget presentation.

Discussion proceeded re: Contractual and mandated expenditures, state reimbursement for technology, SHS field House repair at Pender's field, repair of bleachers at Bunnell and Stratford High to meet ADA compliance issues, energy-efficient windows, Technology infrastructure upgrade, utility costs.

Further discussion re: budget cuts, school closures not feasible, certified tutors/interventions in lower grades, contractual increases, bussing, magnet school, potential increased school enrollment due to the new housing projects (Avalon Bay and Forest City), recertification of Center School.

**10. Adjournment:** Hearing no further business, Mr. Santi made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mr. Chaloux. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Carol Cabral