

Minutes of Meeting

Board of Education Liaison Committee

April 6, 2016

The Board of Education Liaison Committee conducted the regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday April 6, 2016 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: 7:15 p.m. by chairman Beth Daponte

Committee Members in Attendance: Council members Beth Daponte, Tina Manus, Alan Llewelyn; Board of Education Member Len Petruccelli

Others in Attendance: COO Clarence Zachery

2. Approval of minutes – Minutes of regularly scheduled meeting of Mar. 2, 2016. A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. PETRUCCELLI, SECONDED BY MR. LLEWELYN TO APPROVE THE MINUTES. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
3. Board of Education budget requests — inquiries were directed to Mr. Zachery re: the Bd of Education organizational Chart, teachers' compensation, sheet music, solar panels, utilities, building maintenance, teacher coaches.
4. Budget Workshops – status of budget The Council budget work session re: Board of Education budget will take place April 26 in Town hall.
5. Open Work Orders – Review of the Open Work order process, issues and responsibility for repair, citing the document previously distributed to Building Needs Committee members, was reviewed.
6. School Pathways — Mr. Zachery stated that Stratford is in compliance. Enrollment reports are on the Board of Education Website.
7. Current elementary school district demographics — Demographics are online. (Website)
8. Board of Education's lawsuit against the CT State Board of Education — Mr. Zachery referred to a lawsuit in which the CCJEF group is suing the State. The group needs funds to continue. Stratford was asked to become party to the suit but has not made a contribution. The website for case information is www.ccjf.org Educational cost sharing (ECS) income into General fund was discussed.
9. Transportation Contract and expenses — Discussion topics: bidding process, bus company monopoly, bus parking locations to name a few.

10. Enrollment in AP and Honors courses at both SHS and BHS by Race and Gender at both locations separately as well as by course. Mr. Zachery said that at this time he has no specific numbers.
11. SHS Renovations subcommittee status update — Mr. Llewelyn reported. The Council work is complete. The plan now has to go through two land-use boards. FEMA has approved the updated flood zone maps. Zoning Commission has to approve the site plan.
12. CIP – Parking at Nichols Elementary and Net at Penders Field — Parking at Nichols Elementary School is a concept only. Mr. Zachery explained the concept. There is currently no project. The CIP contains plans for enclosures for Nichols and Whitney School modulares. Mr. Petruccelli will place the “net at Penders Field” item on the Building Needs Committee meeting agenda.
13. Update re: Center School — Chairman Daponte mentioned a feasibility study for the cost to change Center School from an educational facility to a school.
14. Status of Portables — The modulares at Stratford High School and Nichols School are occupied. Eli Whitney’s modular has a leak in the roof.
15. Student Discipline Policies and Practice — Information is on the website.
16. Pending BOE litigation and claims impact on FY2017 budget — There is none. BoE carries insurance.
17. Status of Advanced Learning Program — Discussion re: size of classes, number of classes, expansion of the program, criteria for ALPS.
18. Second Hill Lane preschool parking — Parking in the fire lane during dropping off and picking up students takes place. The “cones” were removed. Ms. Manus will request a Police Officer to be present for that time. Mr. Zachery also suggested notifying the school principal with the information.
19. Adjournment — Hearing no other business to discuss, Mr. Llewelyn made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Petruccelli and passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carol Cabral, Secretary