

Minutes of Meeting

Board of Education Liaison Committee

October 19, 2016

The Board of Education Liaison Committee conducted a special meeting on Wednesday October 19, 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: 6:33 p.m. by chairman Beth Daponte
Committee Members in Attendance: Council members Beth Daponte, Gregory Cann as substitute for Tina Manus, and Alan Llewelyn; Board of Education Members Len Petruccelli and James Feehan.
Others in Attendance: Superintendent of the School district Dr. Janet Robinson
2. SHS Renovations — Mr. Llewelyn, Chairman of the Renovations subcommittee, reported that building permits have been filed, a public notice will go out re: contaminated soil that was discovered.
3. Modular classrooms – Eli Whitney and Nichols schools — They are complete and awaiting inspection.
4. School Roofs — Franklin and Bunnell School roofs are scheduled for replacement next year. Reimbursement applications have been filed for Nichols and Wilcoxson School roofs. Mr. Feehan spoke of the roof damage/deterioration occurring at Flood School due to the pool environment.
5. Center School (building) — 6 month ago, the School Bell was missing. The bell recently reappeared.
6. Shakespeare — Ms. Daponte struck the item from the agenda.
7. Planning process for next year's budget — The process will begin in January. The internal process will begin in October.

ECS funding/magnet school costs were discussed. 245 students are impacted in connection with Fairchild-Wheeler Magnet school and Discovery magnet school's increase in tuition by the Bridgeport Board of Education for Stratford students. A meeting regarding the matter will be conducted next Wednesday with six school districts and legislative representatives.

8. Update on language arts program — Dr. Robinson reported that there have been no applicants for teacher positions for French, Physics and other math subjects. French is currently taught by video.

9. New Business

WAIVER OF RULES OF PROCEDURE

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. FEEHAN SECONDED BY MR. PETRUCCELLI TO WAIVE THE RULES OF PROCEDURE TO ADD THE ITEM TO THE AGENDA "BUNNELL FIELD HOUSE". THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

The project has gone out to bid twice. The amount required exceeds the allocated amount by \$200,000. Discussion: Plans for refurbishing the field house by volunteers, usage by many groups/organizations, safety concerns. It was noted that Penders field has 3 separate buildings for sports activities: (1) locker room (2) rest rooms (3) concession; Bunnell only has the one field house.

Agenda items for Building Needs committee meeting of November:

- School Roof priority list
- Solar Panels for Franklin and Bunnell Schools
- Flood School solar panels

Agenda items for next Liaison meeting:

- Identifying out-of-town students
- TOD and impact on student population
- Timeline for strategic planning (student census and building needs)
- BoE's engagement in RFP to update existing educational facilities into schools versus construction of new school
- Timeline for teacher training via new math tutors and custodial budget; i.e. use of student labor should offset overtime expenses

10. Adjournment — Hearing no other business, Mr. Petrucelli made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Llewelyn and passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carol Cabral, Secretary