

Guilford Board of Education  
Facilities Subcommittee Meeting  
A. W. Cox Elementary School, 143 Three Mile Course, Guilford, CT  
Monday, March 22, 2010

BOE Members Present: Mary Beeman, Keith Bishop, Bill Bloss, John Ireland, Alan Meyers, Chris Moore, Susan Renner, and Ted Zuse

BOE Staff Present:  
Tom Forcella and Cliff Gurnham

BOF Members Present: Lou Federici

Others Present: Sid Gale, Energy Task Force Member

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Ireland at 6:15 p.m.

**1. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**

The subcommittee discussed how the minutes from 3/9 will be approved at the next regular BOE meeting.

**2. Review Project Status**

**2.1 AMS Immediate Needs Projects**

Mr. Gurnham reviewed the AMS Immediate Needs Project list. He also shared that the SBC decides how the dollars we have get spent. Mr. Gurnham explained that the SBC also prioritized the list of projects.

**2.2 Melissa Jones Well Update**

Mr. Gurnham told the subcommittee that the #1 Jones Well was recently shut off due to the presence of coliform bacteria in the tank. State and Town officials were notified of the findings and Well #2 has been in use since the initial testing was completed. Hungerfords, the well water company GPS uses, will be at MJS on 3/29 to do additional testing of Well #1 to determine if the well itself is contaminated or just the tank. Once this testing is completed, a new water plan will be initiated. Tentatively, Mr. Gurnham will have an update for the next BOE meeting.

Dr. Forcella told the subcommittee about a study that's GPS has agreed to participate in regarding pesticides levels in water. The study is at no cost to the district.

**2.3 Cox Oil Tank Replacement**

Mr. Gurnham told the subcommittee that both Cox Boilers are now running on gas.

Mr. Zuse asked about snow guards falling off the Cox roof. Mr. Gurnham told the subcommittee that several snow guards had fallen off the Adams roof and that no injuries or damage was reported. The architect has inspected the roof and will replace the broken guards in the near future at no cost to the District.

#### **2.4 Boiler Stack Deposits**

Mr. Ireland and Mr. Gurnham explained that the orange color seen on the Cox roof was from condensation forming in the old oil burners and will no longer be a concern with the new gas burners in use.

#### **3. Discuss ETF Energy Bond**

Mr. Gale shared the Energy Task Force's plan to go to referendum with a \$2 million energy bond for the Town. He explained that this bond would only be for approval of funds, and that the monies wouldn't be spent until such time when a proper opportunity presented itself. He also told the subcommittee that the ETF would like to go to referendum in June along with the GHS bond.

Mr. Zuse asked if other area towns had such bond money in place and Mr. Gale said he wasn't aware of any.

Mr. Gale explained to the subcommittee that even with the \$3,000 application fee, the State won't approve applications where the funds aren't already available for the pending work.

Mr. Zuse expressed concern that the ETF wouldn't have enough time to publicly market this program between the time the budget passes in April and a possible June referendum. Several subcommittee members expressed a need to wait and see how the budget referendum plays out next month before committing. Mr. Gale will provide the ETF's written proposal to the subcommittee.

#### **4. Update of GHS RFQ/RFP Process and Selection Committee**

Mr. Ireland reported to the subcommittee that there are now four architectural firms from the 13 original submissions. The four contenders are JCJ, Newman, SLAM, and Tai Soo Kim. The Selection Committee will visit two sites from each firm to obtain a firsthand look at their work. The first two will take place Monday, 3/29, in Hartford and Dr. Forcella explained that any Board members who were able to attend could do so.

Mr. Ireland told the subcommittee that the Selection Committee will meet tomorrow to further discuss educational specification edits, FRP and acceptance language, phone screening questions, etc. In order to have continuity, Dr. Forcella, Mr. Gurnham, and Mr. Misenti will visit all 8 sites.

#### **5. Update on Bonding Results**

The BOF met last week and voted 6 to 1 to move the bond items forward. The subcommittee discussed the importance of discussing bonding items in October when other budget items are being reviewed. The bond referendum will consist of two questions, one for the Lakes roof and the other for the health/safety items. The questions have already been determined by the BOS.

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**6. Communications**

There were no communications updates.

**7. Updates from Other Committees**

Mr. Ireland reported that the AMS Facility Planning Committee has met for the last time and will be sending a final letter to the BOE.

**8. New Business**

Mr. Zuse shared his desire for a comprehensive facilities assessment to take place between now and next October's budget season. Mr. Ireland will put this topic on next month's agenda.

**9. Following Month's Agenda Topics**

Other than a facilities assessment, no other agenda topics were discussed for next month.

**10. Schedule Next Meeting**

Next month's schedule was not discussed.

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jill Del Gobbo