

Guilford Board of Education
Facilities Subcommittee Meeting
Baldwin Middle School, 68 Bullard Drive, Guilford, CT
Tuesday, February 22, 2010

BOE Members Present: Keith Bishop, Barbara Dudley, John Ireland, Alan Meyers, Chris Moore,
and Susan Renner

BOE Staff Present: Cliff Gurnham, and Linda Trudeau

BOF Members Present: Lou Federici

Mary Beeman, Bill Bloss, Tom Forcella, and Ted Zuse joined the meeting
in progress.

The meeting was called to order at 6:06 p.m.

1. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

The previous meeting minutes have yet to be finalized and were therefore not approved.

2. Bonded Capital Selection

The subcommittee discussed whether to move forward with a roof bond or combine the roof bond into the June referendum for the high school design work. The decision was made to treat the roof bond as a separate item. The subcommittee decided it would be inappropriate to include the prior chimney and gas line work in a bond proposal. Mr. Gurnham will prioritize a health and safety project list.

Mr. Gurnham and Mr. Ireland told the subcommittee that Fire Chief had sent a letter to the BOE giving his recommendation of the pending fire alarm replacements. Mr. Gurnham explained how mass evacuation systems work by utilizing various strobes and horns for emergency events other than fires. Mr. Gurnham will have Simplex include pricing for such a system. The Chief of Police has communicated his support for such a product.

Mr. Bloss reminded the subcommittee that the Standing Building Committee (SBC) should review any bonding items prior to it going to the Board of Finance (BOF).

Mrs. Renner asked about upgrades to the other elementary alarm systems and Mr. Gurnham explained that by replacing the system at Leete, Adams and Baldwin, they will then have replacement parts to do ongoing repairs in the other schools.

Mr. Gurnham also shared the information about the Baldwin system upgrades to the indoor air system. He explained that in an effort to be proactive, they rented dehumidifiers last summer to deal with the high humidity/moisture issue.

Mr. Zuse made a motion to move forward with the roof replacement bond and Mr. Bishop seconded the motion. There were no objections.

A motion to bond the chimney removal was not approved.

Mr. Gurnham explained that the Jones oil tank is now 20 years old and as such is expected to be removed in the near future due to the fact that inspection records prior to the last few years aren't available, nor is the original purchase paperwork.

The subcommittee agreed to move the health and safety bond items to SBC.

3. Site Improvement Budget

Dr. Moore's motion to move the fire system upgrades at Leete, Adams and Baldwin to the BOF along with the phone system at Cox was approved with no objections. The SBC will review these items at next Tuesday's meeting. Mr. Ireland will obtain cost estimates for oil tank design over the next week or so.

4. Recommendation for GHS Site

The JCJ Report was discussed and it was agreed that the AMS Facility Planning letter to the BOE should be read into the record at the next regular BOE meeting. The subcommittee agreed that the best site for a high school is the current New England Road parcel.

Mr. Ireland made the motion to direct the winning firms of the GHS RFQ, entitled "ARCHITECTURAL/ENGINEERING DESIGN SERVICES FOR THE SCHEMATIC DESIGN, PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR A NEW HIGH SCHOOL", to use the current High School site, ranked first by JCJ Architects, as the recommended site for all design work specified in the subsequent RFP. Prior to this motion being approved without objection, Dr. Moore's motion for amendment was not approved.

5. Discussion of GHS Educational Specifications

Dr. Forcella suggested this be tabled due to the amount of time required to thoroughly review. He also reported that the BOE has yet to take action on the educational specifications.

6. Update of GHS RFO Selection Committee

Mr. Ireland notified the subcommittee that all 9 members of the selection committee have been selected. They are Scott Pinckney, Doug Baldwin, Dave Skelton, Mauro Rubbo, Jim Axley, George Kral, Tom Forcella, and Rick Misenti. Mr. Ireland and Dr. Moore will represent the Board of Education.

Due to time constraints, next month's meeting will include a review of Agenda Items 7 through 12.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jill Del Gobbo