

Town of Rocky Hill
Board of Education
Facilities Committee
March 25, 2008
Minutes of Meeting

In attendance: Charles Wisnioski, Facilities Chair, Charles McMonigle, Jennifer Viggiano, Frank Morse, Catherine Vargas, Nadine Bell, William MacDonald, Board Chairman, Raffaella Calciano-Coler, Laura Boutilier, Assistant Superintendent, Gregory Turansky, Director of Finance and Operations, Jeffrey Villar, Superintendent of Schools and Ed Chiucarello, Peter Maxwell, David Pickett, community members.

The meeting began at 5:00 p.m.

The agenda included a discussion of the status of the two facility proposals and plans. The following topics were discussed:

- The possible impact of a magnet school on the Elementary and Secondary Educational Program and Facilities Utilization Plan developed by the administration
- The timeline and the pace at which things were moving
- The potential financial impact and the fact that the Schoenhardt figures are two years old
- The need for an architect to be involved prior to the involvement of a construction company
- The desire to link the two plans (Elementary & Secondary) rather than present them to the Board and Council as two separate projects
- The Council's authority to decide on referendum questions
- The need to look at other building maintenance projects that may not wait for a five year building process to be completed i.e., portables at Stevens School
- Any existing bond funds that have been approved by the town but not utilized
- The next steps the Board would be taking in meeting the Council's meeting schedule of April 7th & April 21st
- Agreement that the Prowda enrollment numbers included in the two plans were the numbers that would be utilized for planning purposes

Following a healthy discussion of all of the issues noted above, Jennifer Viggiano moved that "the Facilities Committee approve the Elementary and Secondary Educational Program and Facilities Utilization Plan as written and that the plans be presented to the full Board of Education for consideration of future action". Nadine Bell seconded and the Facilities Committee unanimously voted to move the plans forward.

Prior to adjourning, Charlie Wisnioski requested that the administration identify facilities issues that need to be addressed prior to the referendum and categorize them in terms of health, safety and welfare issues.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Boutilier
Recording Secretary

APPROVED BY: _____

DATE: _____