

**Town Planning/Building Committee for Salem School Renovation  
February 17, 2009  
Salem School Teacher's Lounge  
7:00 P.M.**

**MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 17, 2009 SPECIAL MEETING**

**PRESENT:** Monica McIntyre, Horace Lindo, Bill Weinschenker, Jenifer Lee, Richard Asafaylo, Stuart Gadbois, Jim Choquette, Dinis Pimentel

**ABSENT:** Charles Boos, Chris LaRose, Michael Siebert, Donald Bourdeau, Donna Leake, Kevin Lyden

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order at 7:04 P.M. by Dinis Pimentel, Chairman.

There was no approval of minutes on the agenda.

D. Pimentel began by saying there was a lot of feedback from the last meeting, and he had spoken with Bob Ross for some counsel. He asked the committee to discuss and make sure everyone is on the same page as he felt that the committee has a clear direction of what is to be done but is pulling in different directions. R. Asafaylo was concerned with the committee not having voted on many items. There were rules set for them by Bob Ross to follow from the beginning. He did not feel the committee was in it together. M. McIntyre commented that the committee had a budget determined before the RFP.

D. Pimentel spoke about the BOE retreat. The BOE needs to give the committee Education Specifications (Ed. Specs.) by the end of the BOE April meeting. At the first committee meeting in April there will be Ed. Specs. to vote on.

The committee discussed the current use of the kitchen in relation to the committee's direction after the BOE votes how to use it (warming vs. full service).

The committee discussed the five questions asked of C. Boos. The consensus was that there are other ways to use or change the plans other than how it's been done in the past.

R. Asafaylo commented that the project cost went up because the committee voted on renovate as new. It's the decision point of continuing that or doing something else.

The committee discussed the four waivers that are going to be submitted to the State.

The committee discussed the security layout plan that consolidates the administration to the front of the building.

J. Choquette and J. Lee spoke about their tour of the Barnard School in New Haven, CT.

D. Pimentel commented that the committee needs answers with options from C. Boos as well as that it's important for the committee, administration, and BOE to all be on the same page. The committee should also do corrective actions when seen.

J. Choquette commented that the committee needs to vote on a question that is answered after it has been answered. It will help the committee remember past ideas/motions and goes along with R. Asafaylo's concerns from earlier in the meeting.

The committee discussed the public's possible perception of the plans. If new space is for the lobby/administration and may not directly benefit the students, then the public may not like it and vote against the project.

D. Pimentel discussed timing of the project in relation to the economy. People are currently looking for work, but that may change. In 2011 the ladder truck will be paid off and there surely will be other items in line to bond.

D. Pimentel asked the committee if they want to speak with a construction manager or banker. The committee's consensus was that it is generally too soon and the waivers should pass before that is pursued.

R. Asafaylo asked if B. Weinschenker could make a timeline with construction beginning in 2010 including bonding with an idea of when the project will affect the mil rate.

M/S/C (R. Asafaylo, S. Gadbois) The committee has a consensus to meet next week with the BOE and administration in order to resolve all questions with the renovate as new project with the net cost to the Town not to exceed \$7M. Vote: All in favor.

Next meeting will be February 24, 2009 at 7:00 P.M. at Salem School.

M/S/C (M. McIntyre, J. Choquette) to adjourn. Vote: All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 9:35 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by:  
Lindsay K. Chester  
Recording Secretary