

Salem School Planning/Building Committee for Salem School Renovation
January 13, 2009
Salem School Media Center
7:00 P.M.

MINUTES OF JANUARY 13, 2009 REGULAR MEETING

PRESENT: Monica McIntyre, Kevin Lyden, Bill Weinschenker, Donna Leake (left at 8:41 P.M.), Richard Asafaylo, Chris LaRose, Jim Choquette (arrived at 7:09 P.M.), Michael Siebert (arrived at 7:34 P.M.), Dinis Pimentel

ABSENT: Stuart Gadbois, Jenifer Lee, Donald Bourdeau, Horace Lindo

GUESTS: Charles Boos, KBA, Larry Jones (arrived at 7:43 P.M.) BVH

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order at 7:05 P.M. by Dinis Pimentel, Chairman.

M/S/C (R. Asafaylo, B. Weinschenker) to approve as amended December 30, 2008 minutes. Vote: Yes-5 No-0 Abstain-2 (C. LaRose, K. Lyden)

C. Boos handed out 1) Draft pamphlet of Proposed Addition and Renovation to Salem School (to possibly be mailed to residents), 2) New and Existing Classroom Area Comparison, 3) Updated plans and partial exterior design of school.

D. Pimentel corresponded with C. Boos, and C. Boos recapped: Mr. Wedge informed him that the weighted age waiver would not pass because the school's weighted age is 27 and has to be a minimum of 30 years. Three years would have to pass before being able to qualify for renovate as new. A waiver must be completed before June 30, 2009 to be able to qualify for funding in July of 2010.

The committee discussed when to hold the referendum. The end of September seems to be a better decision. The three waivers, age, space and application waivers will still be turned in to the state before the end of June. C. Boos said the net to the Town could be similar with "renovate as new" or "additions and alterations" but that more work can be accomplished under the renovate as new.

M/S/C (R. Asafaylo, C. LaRose) Motion for the committee to pursue the necessary age, space, and application waivers via the First Selectman's office in order to have the option to pursue the renovate as new project for a fall referendum. Vote: Yes- 6 No-0 Abstain-1 (K. Lyden).

B. Weinschenker said the Board of Finance will develop bonding scenarios for ten, fifteen, and twenty years.

L. Jones, BVH, spoke about the gym and 1994 building. There would be structural issues to address if adding AC units to the roof. To AC the rest of the building may cost \$1.6M to \$1.7M. In order to add geothermal 65-80 wells 400' deep (borefield) would be dug, and each classroom would have a small mechanical room built (35-40 square feet). This

room may not meet acoustical standards. The total cost for geothermal may be \$2.7-\$2.8M for the entire building. He said that geothermal is much more efficient as a heating source than a cooling source.

M. Siebert commented that “green” technology is when you’re saving the environment, and if you’re spending \$230K now and \$400K on bills with geothermal you’re burning up the power plant. There is other ways for the school to be green- solar power, gray water. Geothermal is not the answer.

The committee decided to table the discussion on green technology.

D. Pimentel emphasized the focus on support and advocacy, and called for action on how to get people behind this project.

Next meeting will be January 27, 2009 at 7:00 P.M. at Salem School.

M/S/C (J. Choquette, K. Lyden) to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:56 P.M.