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NEW BOSTON SCHOOL DISTRICT
New Boston, NH

JOINT NEW BOSTON SCHOOL BOARD / BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING

Thursday, August 21, 1997
7:00 PM

New Boston Town Hall Conference Room

MINUTES

Public notices were posted.

PRESENT

SCHOOL BOARD
Marti Wolf, Chairperson
Deborah O'Rourke
Heidi Risman-Jones
Elaine Tostevin
Kevin Larmand (7:15 PM)

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Gordon Carlstrom, Chairperson
Beau Strong
Todd Selig, Town Administrator

Two members of the public (Laura Robbins and John Gingrich) were present.

CALLED TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM.

SAND

Beau Strong indicated that Lee Murraray would like to remove sand from the land behind the children's playground for use in sanding roads next winter. Should the sand at that site prove unsuitable for road sanding, then there was some discussion that it could be used for the cemetery. Marti Wolf stated that the school would have no objections to such a project that would benefit both the town and the school children. It was agreed that the top soil would be pushed away, the sand removed, the land leveled, top soil replaced and any other actions taken as required to prevent soil erosion from that site.

TOBACCO BILL

Marti stated that (despite the seeming contradiction) the school board and school personnel would only enforce this law prohibiting tobacco use in public school buildings and on public school grounds when school was in session, but not at community events. Gordon Carlstrom said Susan Clay believed that the law was not intended to apply to schools when used as community centers.

CO-OP STUDY

Deborah O'Rourke (and other Board members) updated those present on co-ops in general, the status of the SAU-wide study and perceived pros and cons. It was stressed that the New Boston School Board has made no decision thus far on the co-op, pending completion of the study. Beau Strong questioned what plans the Board had for replacing the portable classrooms with an addition to the current school building, which would be his preference. Marti Wolf stated that plans were on hold pending the outcome of the Co-Op study. As money for architectural study has been exhausted, Kevin Larmand indicated that he would recommend modifying the architectural designs we have in the event that the co-op proposal is not approved. Then discussion of the addition proposed in March ensued.

AVAILABILITY OF LAND

Assuming that, at some time the present school site is maxed out, Heidi Risman-Jones asked Beau Strong to identify potential sites (must be in excess of 20 usable acres) for new construction. Off the top of his head Beau mentioned several tracts of privately owned land that might come available over the next few

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years. There was also some discussion regarding town owned land, in current use, which could be examined.

GENERATOR

Todd Selig confirmed that maintenance of the generator recently installed at the Central School is in the Civil Defense line of the Town budget.

SCHOOL AS COMMUNITY CENTER

Marti called upon the Board of Selectmen to help the community remember that non-school use of the multi purpose room/Mansfield Gym, the library and occasionally classrooms is paid for within the school budget. As an example, the Recreation Department uses the Mansfield Gym many more hours a week than the school does.

UNRESERVED FUNDS

Marti informed the Selectmen that the school will be "returning" to the town in excess of \$200,000 in unreserved funds to help offset the tax rate. This money comes from a combination of increases in state aid and decreases in tuition demands over that budgeted. The actual figures will be available by mid-September.

NEXT MEETING

November 6, 1997 at 7 PM in the Town Hall Conference Room

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting ended at 8:13 PM