

Town of Stonington
K-12 Building Committee
Minutes from August 13, 2013
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Members present: Rob Marseglia, Chairman; Bill Sternberg, George Crouse, June Strunk, and Julie Holland
Late arrival: Faith Leitner, 7:29pm
Members absent: John McNally, Dean Beverly, Kathy Sanford
Recording Secretary: Sandy Tisiere
Guests and Citizens: Bill King, SPS Business Manager, Alicia Sweet-Dawe, WWS/WBS Principal, Ruth Rose, WWS/WBS Assistant Principal, and interested citizens

1. Call to Order

Rob Marseglia called the meeting to order at 7:08pm

2. Approval of K-12 special committee meeting minutes for July 9, 2013

- The following motion was made by George Crouse and seconded by June Strunk
Motion: To approve the K-12 Building Committee minutes of July 9, 2013 as amended
All: Aye

3. K-12 Building Committee request for \$50k to hire an architect

Action to be taken: Committee vote to request 50k

The letter to the Stonington Board of Finance requesting \$50,000 to hire an architect was discussed. Editing and revisions were made.

- The following motion was made by June Strunk and seconded by George Crouse
Motion: To approve the letter to be sent to the Stonington Board of Finance as amended.
All: Aye

Attached letter sent to the Stonington Board of Finance

4. Discussion of role clarity and rumor "management"

- Role clarity – The committee discussed they should work as a collective whole. When a committee member voices an opinion, others should listen respectfully before commenting. There should be open discussions of all matters at committee meetings.
- Rumor management – There are rumors regarding the direction of action the Building Committee is taking. How to answer questions regarding the goals/plans of the Building Committee was discussed. Until further progress is made, there isn't any information for committee members to share except that everything is in the planning stages. Also, people can refer to the agendas and minutes available online at the Town of Stonington website.

5. Discuss Compiled Survey Results

The survey results document compiled in an Excel spreadsheet were distributed to the committee. It was discussed the results included items such as painting, new windows, cleaning, carpeting and parking that would be addressed when the construction was completed. The committee will continue to collect information from parents and staff to ensure the construction of the best environment to meet the needs of both students and staff. It was suggested a survey for parents be included in the information packets sent home with students on the first day of school. The committee will contact Superintendent Riley regarding the best way to proceed.

6. Adjourn

The following motion was made by George Crouse and seconded by Bill Sternberg
To adjourn the meeting at 8:27pm
All: Aye

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Julie Holland, Secretary