

Sutton School Building Committee
Regular Scheduled Meeting 9/2/2009
Town Hall Meeting Room

Present: Donna Davis, Cecilia DiBella, Tim Harrison, Wendy Mead, Roger Raymond, Jim Smith (arrived 8 pm), Ken Stuart, Christine Watkins

Absent: Glenn Coulter, Michael Jerz, Laura Stonebreaker, David Suhl, Ross Weaver

Guests: Al Ross (Flansburgh, Jon Winikur (SBS)

Meeting called to order at 7 pm.

Al Ross and Jon Winikur toured the school facility today with the school principals and the various engineers involved in the Feasibility Study.

The district has received the final MSBA enrollment projection letter. The numbers are less than what had been projected in the 2006 study. The enrollment numbers determine the allowable size of the building. The MSBA will not discuss the projections any more. The final projection is for an enrollment of 420 students in grades 6-8 and 420 students in grades 9-12. To move forward, the letter must be signed by the Town representatives.

Cecilia stated the revised enrollment numbers from the MSBA are reasonable. The School Committee should be signing the enrollment projection letter on September 14, 2009.

Wendy requested an electronic copy of the presentation for the School Committee to facilitate their signing off on the enrollment numbers.

Tim made a motion to recommend to the Selectmen and School Committee that they accept the MSBA's enrollment projection. Seconded by Ken. 7 in favor, 0 opposed.

Tim raised the question that since the current MSBA's 10-year enrollment projection is less than what was presented in the 2006 Flansburgh Feasibility study could the School Building Committee present a building option to the residents which is bigger than that allowed according to the MSBA guidelines with the town paying 100% of the cost above that allowed by the MSBA.

Jon commented that it would be better to design a building within the MSBA's space guidelines with the option to add on in 10-15 years.

Roger raised the issue of whether there are things we could do today to protect ourselves from future building code changes if we plan to add on a second floor or new wing in 10-15 years.

Jon said no. The most important thing is to properly site the building for future expansion.

Tim raised the issue of any cost/benefit of moving the Superintendent off campus. This will be discussed at a later date.

Jim Smith arrived at 8 pm to update the committee on the infrastructure issues.

The option of public water being brought to the school site via Singletary Avenue and Settler's Hill project is no longer an option. Costs to the town to bring this water from the Millbury line to the school without private investment would be approximately \$4 million.

Jim met with Aquarion. We are in the final stages of legislation to create a water district. Jim has requested a hold on this legislation. If the town sets up a water district with Aquarion, our hands would be tied regarding other options. Aquarion does not have an economic benefit from this project. Aquarion was going to generate its revenues through the now defunct Settler's Hill project.

The next meeting is scheduled for September 23, 2009 at 7 pm. The focus of this meeting is the academic program. The building principals will attend and will present information on their programs.

Motion to adjourn by Donna Davis, seconded by Roger Raymond. Adjourned 8:20 pm.

Respectively submitted,

Christine Watkins
Recording Secretary