

Oxford Schools Upgrade Committee

S.B. Church Memorial Town Hall

486 Oxford Road

Oxford, CT 06478-1298

Board Of Selectmen

Special Joint Meeting Minutes

June 22, 2016

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Meeting was called to order at 7:02 by second selectman Jeff Haney.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The following boards were in attendance: Board of Education, Board of Finance, and the Building Committee.

Meeting was held to discuss the replacement of the Center School and go over the facility study.

Ken Sharron started the meeting by stating why the BOE and Building Committee agree on plan B being the best option for our town.

Attendees came to an agreement that the best location of a possible new school would be in between Quaker Farms and Great Oak for security reasons, etc..

Amy Cote brought up the issues in our existing schools and how plan B would help include all concerns.

Reimbursement amounts were clarified and explained thoroughly.

Maintenance was a big concern brought up by many attendees. Ideas regarding funding for maintenance were passed around.

George Temple stated he wanted to know more about the thought process regarding the reason plan B was picked by BOE.

First and Second selectman asked if people of the audience wanted to speak.

Anne Krane spoke about plan A being the best option. She stated adding another building when there is problems with maintenance now is not ideal. She also touched upon the anticipated decline in student population in the future.

Erin Barlow agreed plan B was the best option. Being a teacher in the Oxford school system she agreed the middle school (GOMS) is not up to standards regarding the curriculum. Erin believes our town will keep falling behind if we don't take action now.

John Barlow spoke about the maintenance costs. He stated maintenance is not receiving enough money to cover the current issues. John agreed to lead a walk through of all schools for all attending boards and anyone of the public to show the major issues needing attention.

Kari M spoke about how she is now agreeing plan B is ideal. She expressed concern about the lack of people in the town interested in coming to these meetings.

Herrmann Shuller agreed with Anne with plan B. Stating reducing the number of buildings will help the town catch up on maintenance issues.

Matt Huff spoke about how far behind our town is in education. He believes we need to give the teachers what they need in order to give proper education to students.

George Temple requested a follow up meeting with BOE towards the end of July.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Vanessa Rosa
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