MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING – JOINT MEETING
BOARD OF FINANCE, BOARD OF SELECTMEN, BOARD OF EDUCATION,
NEW OXFORD SCHOOL PLANNING & BUILDING COMMITTEE
STUDY OF SCHOOL FACILITIES
OXFORD HIGH SCHOOL
TUESDAY, APRIL 12, 2016 – 7:00 P.M.

A joint meeting of the Board of Finance, Board of Selectmen, Board of Education, and New Oxford School Planning & Building Committee was scheduled at Oxford High School on Tuesday, April 12, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. to review a detailed presentation of the school facilities study and a discussion on Center School replacement.

Present for the Board of Finance were Chairman Jack Kiley; Tom Kelly; Robert DeBisschop; Lila Ferrillo; Sue Arpin; Dana Flach. Also present: James Hliva, Finance Director.

Also present were members of the Board of Education, Superintendent Ana Ortiz, Board of Selectmen and Members of the New Oxford School Planning & Building Committee.

The meeting was called to order at 7:12 p.m. by BOF Chairman Kiley.

The draft facilities study was prepared by Silver/Petrucelli & Associates and Milone MacBroom and was presented to the Boards in a video format by three representatives of the two firms. At the beginning of the presentation the representatives of Silver/Petrucelli passed out a prepared booklet containing the draft study. The presentation took approximately one hour as the representatives introduced and gave explanation of the three main components: Facilities Condition Analysis; Projections and Programming; and Facilities Utilization Plan Design Options.

The Silver/Petrucelli representatives commented that Connecticut has been stressing the "Renovate As New" concept which is used to refurbish an existing building rather than build a new building. "Renovate As New" brings a 37.5% reimbursement from the State; new construction brings a 27.5% reimbursement and administration projects brings an 18.7 % reimbursement thus making the "Renovate As New" more advantageous to Oxford.

The representatives from both Silver/Petrucelli and Milone MacBroom discussed the four potential design options for a new school with regard to Oxford Center School, Quaker Farms and Great Oak. The detailed drawings and expenses can be found on the Oxford Public School website for review.

Most of the presentation consisted of pointing out the damages and upgrades with regard to each individual school including the high school which, although it was built in 2007, is in need of maintenance and repairs.

The individual cost estimates for repairs, upgrades and ADA compliance for all four schools total $25,599,854.

At the end of the presentation, the representatives opened up the floor to questions and comments from the respective Board members.

Discussion ensued with regard to the impact of new developments in Oxford such as Oxford Towne Center, Glendale and Garden Homes, suggestions regarding the use of Center School, changes to the existing schools including changing grade population.

Ms. Cote, Chairman of the Board of Education, said that together the groups need to meet to decide in which direction to go and with that a meeting with the Building Committee and the Board of Education was scheduled for April 27, 2016 to discuss the best design presentation.

Superintendent Ortiz did state to the group that she did not want to see at Oxford High School the same lacking maintenance and subsequent deterioration that has occurred in the other schools. She referenced missing key components that impact the students' education.

Silver/Petrucelli & Associates will have a final draft of their study to the Board of Education by May 10, 2016.

At 9:05 p.m., Mr. Kiley made a Motion to adjourn. Ms. Flach seconded the Motion. Vote was taken; all in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynnette Steeves
Clerk

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