

HOPKINTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE
Wednesday, January 4, 2012
Working Session/Joint Meeting with Board of Selectmen 6:30 PM
High School Auditorium
MINUTES

School Committee Chair Jean Bertschmann opened the regular meeting at 6:30 PM with the following present:

Members:

Ms. Jean Bertschmann, Chair
Mr. Troy Mick, Vice Chair
Ms. Rebecca Robak, Member
Mrs. Nancy Alvarez Burdick, Member
Mr. Scott Aghababian, Member

Also Present:

Dr. Jonathan Landman, Superintendent
Dr. Mary Ann DeMello, Assistant Superintendent

Board of Selectmen:

Mr. Ben Palleiko
Mr. John Mosher
Mr. Todd Cestari
Mr. Brian Herr
Ms. Michelle Gates
Mr. Norman Khumalo

Other Guests: Paul Flaxman

I. Pledge of Allegiance

II. Recognitions: Mrs. Bertschmann thanked Mr. Paul Flaxman, from Boston Research Group for donating so much of his time, and incredible expertise in creating the survey. Mrs. Bertschmann also introduced the Hopkinton's new Assistant Superintendent, Dr. Mary Ann DeMello.

Presentation: Mr. Flaxman started his presentation of the Elementary School Building Survey. Mr. Flaxman stated that he works for Boston Research Group, which has been in business for twenty-five years and here in Hopkinton for sixteen years. His background and job is marketing research.

Mr. Flaxman's started with the statement that the School Committee and Superintendent were interested in understanding the perspective of the town on the importance of specific attributes/goals as they relate to Center School; the degree to which these attributes drive preferences; and reactions to 7 hypothetical solutions to Center School.

Mr. Flaxman proceeded to give a comprehensive PowerPoint presentation. This report will be posted to the Hopkinton Public School's web site tomorrow.

Mr. Flaxman answered questions and concerns from the audience and Board Members. He gave his conclusions of the survey and then addressed more questions from Board Members and the public. Several members of the Board of Selectmen and School Committee made comments and thanked Mr. Flaxman for all of his work on this project.

School Committee members also addressed question from the audience with regards to the survey.

II. Joint Meeting with Board of Selectmen

Dr. Landman started by thanking members of both boards and school staff for their time and efforts that went into the survey. Dr. Landman also went to state the need for both boards to review and discuss the Statements of Interest that need to be voted and signed for submittal to the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) by the January 11, 2012 deadline. Also, that each committee has to vote and approve each of their resolutions with respects to Center and Elmwood Schools.

The Board of Selectmen and School Committee members discussed the Statements of Interests (SOI). Board of Selectmen members expressed their concerns on timelines and costs involved. There was conversation of meetings that took place with the MSBA that was taken into consideration when drafting the SOI's. Dr. Landman also explained some changes that were made to SOI's after the initial version the BOS had received.

Mrs. Burdick stated that the School Committee was able to provide comments for edits; however, while understanding constraints, she expressed her concern regarding the reference that our buildings are not currently ADA compliant and wanted the public to know that we have been on road the compliance and much has been done. Members of both boards also commented on the progress we have made with respects to ADA compliance.

Center School:

School Committee Chair, Jean Bertschmann sought a motion to authorize the Superintendent to submit a Statement of Interest for Center School to the MSBA.

On a motion made by Mr. Mick, seconded by Mr. Aghababian, the School Committee voted to authorize the Superintendent to submit a State of Interest for Center school to the MSBA.

Vote: Favor: 5 Oppose: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 0

Board of Selectmen Chair, Todd Cestari sought a motion to submit a Statement of Interest for Center School to the MSBA.

On a motion made by Mr. Pallieko, seconded by Mr. Herr, the Board of Selectmen voted authorize the School Superintendent to submit a State of Interest for Center school to the MSBA.

Vote: Favor: 5 Oppose: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 0

Resolutions for Center School and vote of both committees:

Resolved: Having convened in an open meeting on January 4, 2012, the School Committee of the Hopkinton Public Schools of Hopkinton, Massachusetts, in accordance with its charter, by-laws, and ordinances, has voted to authorize the Superintendent to submit to the Massachusetts School Building Authority the Statement of Interest dated January 4, 2012 for the Center School located at 11 Ash Street, which describes and explains the following deficiencies and the priority category(s) for which the Town of Hopkinton may be invited to apply to the Massachusetts School Building Authority in the future:

- 7. Replacement of or addition to obsolete buildings in order to provide for a full range of programs consistent with state and approved local requirements. Space limitations and the obsolete building are impeding instruction;

and hereby further specifically acknowledges that by submitting this Statement of Interest, the Massachusetts School Building Authority in no way guarantees the acceptance or the approval of an application, the awarding of a grant or any other funding commitment from the Massachusetts School Building Authority, or commits the School District to filing an application for funding with the Massachusetts School Building Authority.

School Committee Chair, Jean Bertschmann sought a motion to adopt and submit the resolution for Center School in support of Center School to submit to the MSBA.

On a motion made by Mr. Mick, seconded by Mr. Aghababian, the School Committee voted to adopt and submit the resolution for Center School in support of Center School to submit to the MSBA.

Vote: Favor: 5 Oppose: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 0

Resolved: Having convened in an open meeting on January 4, 2012, the Board of Selectmen of Hopkinton, Massachusetts, in accordance with its charter, by-laws, and ordinances, has voted to authorize the Superintendent to submit to the Massachusetts School Building Authority the Statement of Interest dated January 4, 2012 for the Center School located at 11 Ash Street, which describes and explains the following deficiencies and the priority category(s) for which the Town of Hopkinton may be invited to apply to the Massachusetts School Building Authority in the future:

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On a motion made by Mr. Pallieko, seconded by Mr. Mosher, the Board of Selectmen voted to adopt and submit the resolution for Center School in support of Center School to submit to the MSBA.

Vote: Favor: 5 Oppose: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 0

Elmwood School:

Dr. Landman explained some changes that were made to this SOI after the initial version the BOS had received. The Committees jointly discussed the SOI for Elmwood School.

School Committee Chair, Jean Bertschmann sought a motion to authorize the Superintendent to submit a Statement of Interest for Elmwood School to the MSBA.

On a motion made by Mr. Mick, seconded by Mr. Aghababian, the School Committee voted to authorize the Superintendent to submit a State of Interest for Elmwood School to the MSBA.

Vote: Favor: 5 Oppose: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 0

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Vote: Favor: 5 Oppose: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 0

Resolutions for Elmwood School and vote of both committees

Resolved: Having convened in an open meeting on January 4, 2012, the School Committee of the Hopkinton Public Schools of Hopkinton, Massachusetts, in accordance with its charter, by-laws, and ordinances, has voted to authorize the Superintendent to submit to the Massachusetts School Building Authority the Statement of Interest dated January 4, 2012 for the Elmwood School located at 14 Elm Street, which describes and explains the following deficiencies and the priority category(s) for which the Town of Hopkinton may be invited to apply to the Massachusetts School Building Authority in the future:

- 5. Replacement, renovation or modernization of school facility systems, such as roofs, windows, boilers, heating and ventilation systems, to increase energy conservation and decrease energy related costs in a school facility.
 - o Roof, windows, HVAC, data wiring and electrical systems are all old and in need of replacement or significant updating.

- 7. Replacement of or addition to obsolete buildings in order to provide for a full range of programs consistent with state and approved local requirements.
 - o The facility's interior is aging, and needs updating both to support 21st century instruction and to remain a positive work environment for the future.
 - o Many of the building's spaces are not adequate and require expansion or redesign.
 - o Site traffic flow and pedestrian access have long been problematic and should be reorganized to enhance safety and reduce traffic congestion. Parking is inadequate and should be expanded.

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School Committee Chair, Jean Bertschmann sought a motion to adopt and submit the resolution for Elmwood School in support of Elmwood School to submit to the MSBA.

On a motion made by Mr. Mick, seconded by Mr. Aghababian, the School Committee voted to adopt and submit the resolution for Elmwood School in support of Elmwood School to submit to the MSBA.

Vote: Favor: 5 Oppose: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 0

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Board of Selectmen Chair, Todd Cestari sought a motion to adopt and submit the resolution for Elmwood School in support of Elmwood School to submit to the MSBA.

On a motion made by Mr. Herr, seconded by Mr. Pallieko, the Board of Selectmen voted to adopt and submit the resolution for Elmwood School in support of Center School to submit to the MSBA.

Vote: Favor: 5 Oppose: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 0

Declaration of Removal of Statement of Interest:

Dr. Landman presented a letter of Declaration of Removal of Statement of Interested to be submitted with the SOI's.

On a motion made by Board of Selectmen member Mr. Pallieko, seconded by Mr. Mosher, that the board of Selectmen vote to authorize the Chairman submit the attached Capital Pipeline Program Declaration of Removal of Statement of Interest and the cover letter with suggested language changes subject to confirmation that the town has received all the reimbursement funding due from the MSBA.

Vote: Favor: 5 Oppose: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 0

On a motion made by School Committee member Mr. Mick, seconded by Mr. Aghababian, the School vote to approve that the Capital Pipeline Program Declaration of Removal of Statement of Interest for project number 200801390005 and cover letter as amended contingent upon that confirmation of all monies have been received.

Vote: Favor: 5 Oppose: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 0

On the recommendation of the School Committee a motion was made by Board of Selectmen member Mr. Mosher, seconded by Ms. Gates, the Board of Selectmen voted to dissolve the Hopkinton Elementary School Building Committee.

Vote: Favor: 5 Oppose: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 0

IX. Adjournment

On a motion made by Mr. Pallieko, seconded by Mr. Mosher, the Board of Selectmen voted to adjourn the meeting.

On a motion made by Mr. Mick, seconded by Mr. Aghababian, the School Committee voted to adjourn the meeting.

Vote: Favor: 5 Oppose: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 0

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Bertschmann, Chair
Troy Mick, Vice Chair