

Wahconah Building Meeting Minutes

September 16, 2008

Meeting called to order by Jim Huebner at 7:00

Present: Jim Huebner (chair), John Bantjes (vice chair), Susan Carroll-Lombardi, Rita Furlong, Jim Drawe, Jim Chivers, Billie Henderson, Bill Goddard, and Jim Conro

Motion made by member Bantjes and seconded by member Drawe

- To approve the minutes of the September 2, 2008 meeting.

Motion passed unanimously.

Jim Huebner distributed two letters from Donna Harlan.

- 1) Copy of an acceptance and thank you letter to Brenda Manarchik, Co chairperson of the SABIC Volunteer Board, for the \$26,000 Share to Gain grant for the Science Lab and Greenhouse
- 2) Letter to notify the building committee of the project expenditures approved at the August 28, 2008 School Committee meeting (Agreement with Paul Schroeder), (Purchase of Networking Equipment) and (Purchase of Science Lab Furniture/ Equipment)

Status of bond

- The CBRSD administration and school committee have decided to request the “filing of special legislation” to correct the concerns of the bond counsel with the bond vote in Dalton. Legislation was filed jointly by Senator Ben Downing and Representative Denis Guyer on September 10, 2008.
- Dalton finance committee members concurred with this decision to file legislation at a recent CBRSD Finance Sub-committee meeting.
- Representative Denis Guyer reported, at the school committee meeting, that it is a difficult time of year to get legislation passed because the legislature is in informal session, committees aren’t meeting and other extenuating circumstances, created by a conflict among representatives that makes it impossible to pass legislation without a quorum present.
- The building committee agreed that the “special legislation” was the best course of action at this time, even though it is likely to mean a delay in getting the bond approval until early 2009.
- **Action item:** Susan Carroll-Lombardi will ask Donna Harlan to what has the \$10,000 anonymous grant for the science lab project been dedicated.
- **Action item:** Jim Huebner will contact Barry Architects and Paul Schroeder to inform them of the most recent news about the bond issue and to ask them how they wish to proceed. He will also contact Shawn Therrian to suggest that he seek

alternative sites to do any experiments with the AP chemistry class that can't be done before the lab is renovated.

- **Action item:** Susan Carroll-Lombardi will bring the question before the school committee as to whether the district is able to continue with the science lab project as previously scheduled.
- Building committee members suggested Williams College or Nessacus as possible temporary science lab sites that could be used until the Wahconah Science Lab is renovated and before the AP Chemistry Exam in early May.
- **Action item:** Susan Carroll-Lombardi will find out when the CBRSD E& D will be certified.

Science Lab

- **Action Item:** Jim Chivers and Billie Henderson will keep the SABIC representatives informed of the bond status and other science lab information pertinent to their grant and volunteer project.
- The science lab subcommittee will meet again next week by conference call at 2:45 on Tuesday, September 23.

Electrical repair in the auditorium

- There was some discussion about the need for this project to continue immediately as it could impact potential safety issues.
- **Action Item:** Susan Carroll-Lombardi will follow-up with Marge Foster to find out the status of this repair project and to inform her about the 1 quote that George Desmarais had received from an electrician.

Furniture Fixture and Equipment

- Jim Conro was informed today, Sept. 16, that the shipment of desks and chairs that they had anticipated tomorrow, Sept. 17 would not arrive until Oct. 1.
- Sayers will provide a dumpster for any desks that Pittsfield High doesn't need. Pittsfield has indicated that they would like to have 400 of Wahconah's old desks.
- Folding tables for the Home Economics room, folding desk chairs and 12 oak stools for the wood shop have been received.
- The drafting tables for the CAD classroom and the sewing table purchase orders have been put on hold until the bond issue is resolved.

OPM/Engineering Sub Committee

- **Action item:** Jim Drawe will forward the RFS contracts to Donna Harlan and Susan Carroll-Lombardi for review of the standard terms and conditions.
- **Action item:** Susan Carroll-Lombardi will contact the CBRSD legal counsel to help create standard terms and conditions for CBRSD contracts in the future.
- The next building committee meeting will be dedicated primarily to the review of RFSs for both the OPM and Engineer/architect.

Motion made by member Chivers and seconded by member Drawe

- To adjourn the meeting at 7:50 PM

Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned.

Future Meetings:

Building Committee – October 7, 2008 Wahconah Library 7:00 PM

Building Committee – October 21, 2008 Wahconah Library 7:00 PM