

Central Berkshire Regional School District  
School Building Project Committee Meeting  
Wednesday March 15, 2017

A regular meeting of the Central Berkshire Regional School District School Building Needs Committee, held at Wahconah Regional High School in Dalton, MA, on Wednesday March 15, 2017 was called to order by Co-Chair Callahan at 4:30

Co-Chair Callahan opened the meeting

ROLL CALL

Present: Shawn Armacost (Co-Chair), Tom Callahan (Co-Chair), Robert Archambault (Student Rep), John Bartels, Mike Case, Wayne Cronnell, Mike Daniels, Jason Dion, Richard Peters, Aaron Robb, Chuck Sturtevant, Shawn Therrien, Melinda Walton, Superintendent Laurie Casna,

Absent: Anna Duquette (Student Rep), Gary Campbell Jr., Liz Daniels, Todd Emerson, Andrew Garcia, Mike Hagmaier, Kerry Mason, John McComish, Roberta McCulloch Dews, Bill Mullholland, Jan Paxton, Assistant Superintendent Melissa Falkowski

Also Present: Recording Secretary and Members of the Audience

2. Validation of Agenda

Co-Chair Callahan validated the agenda as required by the open meeting law.

3. Response from Audience

None

4. Approval of minutes from February 28, 2017 meeting

MOVED BY MEMBER BARTELS SECONDED BY MEMBER CASE

*To approve the minutes of the School Building Committee minutes of February 28, 2017 as printed.*

Ayes: 13 members

Nays: None.

Abstentions: None.

Motion carried unanimously.

5. Discussion of Logistics of the four community events being held in late March

The community Night Information Dates were reviewed as follows:

March 21 Becket/Washington at Becket/Washington School 6pm

March 23 Peru/Hinsdale at Kittredge Elementary School 5:30pm

March 28 Dalton at Wahconah High School 6pm

March 30 Cummington/Windsor at Windsor Town Hall 6pm

Superintendent Casna said she and Principal Robb had been discussing how to get the word out about the informational meetings. The Office of Campaign and Political Finance told Laurie we can access the town phone lists to let them know the information about the vote.

The 3 towns of Becket, Peru and Washington do not have a phone system in place that contacts all residents of the towns.

We are waiting to hear back from Dalton, Hinsdale and Windsor as to whether or not they will allow us to use their phone systems to give residents information about the vote.

Cummington has already agreed to send the information out via their phone system.

The call will say time date and location. John Bartels suggested we also use the phone system to let people know about the community informational meetings also.

Discussion continued that because a call cannot be done in all 7 towns do we still want have the call go out in the towns that will allow it. The committee decided to use the phone system in the towns that have it and will allow it and also discussed alternate ways to get the word out to the towns that do not have the phone system.

**Becket** – Laurie will contact Bill Mulholland to discuss ways to let the community know about the informational meeting and the vote

**Washington** – Information could be sent out via mail per Mike Case and postings at the town hall

**Peru** – Vicki will check with Bonnie DiTomasso for suggestions on how to get the word out in Peru

**Windsor** - Chuck will make sure the information is on their Facebook page and he will also get a copy of the town phone directory

**Hinsdale** – Laurie will email Town Administrator Ryan Aylesworth and ask him to send out a town email to all residents giving them the information about the community meeting and the vote. Ray Bolduc also said it might be possible to use the phone system in Hinsdale, however he would have to check with the Select Board first.

**Dalton** – Dan Filliault has been made aware that we would like to use the phone system. John Bartels is going to follow up with him.

**Cummington** - Laurie and Mike Daniels will customize the phone message and determine a date to send the calls.

Transfer stations assignments:

John McComish, Tom Callahan – Dalton- it will be done on April 1<sup>st</sup> (they reserved that day) and Dan Downer will help

Mike Daniels – Cummington

Mike Case – Washington

Gary Campbell – Peru

Chuck Sturtevant – Windsor

Bill Mulholland - Becket

Shawn Armacost – Hinsdale

Laurie and Aaron are going to Dalton Senior Center on Thursday March 16

Rich Peters will give the electronic brochure to Paul Mark and he will send the info out on his social media

The three elementary schools will send home a copy of the pamphlet plus a letter from the principal inviting them to attend the informational meeting for their town.

Aaron also thinks doing another tour after the informational meetings is necessary and an invite to the tour would go home with elementary students as well as one more notice that reminds parents of the vote.

Bob Archambault arrived 4:59

The committee discussed lawn signs which would only say the date, time and location of the vote.

It was also suggested to try to get a focus group at the informational town meetings – let people know they can advocate for what their position is.

Melinda volunteered to ask people to put signs in their lawn. Laurie will ask the office of PC&F and she will see if we can get some signs.

Shawn Therrien created a power point of the brochure so it can be shown at the town meetings

The committee members have agreed to attend the following meetings:

**Becket/Washington** – Mike Case, Bill Mulholland, Shawn Armacost

**Hinsdale/Peru** – Gary Campbell, Melinda Walton, Shawn Armacost, Rich Peters

**Dalton** - John Bartels, Tom Callahan

**Windsor/Cummington** – Mike Daniels, Chuck Sturtevant, Tom Callahan

Laurie asked the elementary principals to be at their school meetings.

Laurie, Aaron, Jason and Melissa will go to all of the meetings.

The panel discussion at Dalton Community TV was filmed.

Rick White was able to attach it to the school building committee website.

John Ostrech told John Bartels that the program should have started airing on Monday March 13; however we have no confirmation of that yet. The program runs about 45 minutes.

Windsor does not have a screen, so one should be brought to that community event.

Date for last tour will be determined and an email will be sent out.

Contact Laurie and Vicki about the phone lists and Laurie will email Mike Daniels everything

Laurie will send an email if there is a need for us to get together to make actual phone calls.

The next meeting will be Tuesday April 11 at Wahconah at 4:30

6. Adjourn

*Adjournment 5:48 PM*