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BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING OF THE OPERATIONS COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, MARCH 19, 2019

The Operations Committee met on Tuesday, January 15, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. in room 36 at the Board of Education Administration Building, 129 Church Street, Bristol.

Present: Committee Chair Karen Hintz, Jeff Caggiano, Thomas O'Brien

Also Present: Jill Browne, Timothy Callahan, Dr. Catherine Carbone, Dr. Michael Dietter, Peter Fusco, Dr. Susan Kalt Moreau, Karen Vibert, and Chris Wilson

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chair Karen Hintz.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 15, 2019 MEETING MINUTES

A motion made by Commissioner Caggiano and seconded by Commissioner O'Brien to accept the minutes from the January 15, 2018 regular meeting was unanimously approved.

3. DEFERRAL OF SIDEWALKS AT 359 BROAD STREET

Peter Fusco inspected the area in question. Currently, there are no sidewalks in that area and there is no need for them for school purposes.

A motion made by Commissioner O'Brien and seconded by Commissioner Caggiano was unanimously approved that the deferral of the sidewalks at 359 Broad Street and to send it to full board for final approval.

4. DISCUSSION OF FEASIBILITY STUDY

Commissioner Caggiano expressed his concern of going into the future with no plan on the existing facilities. There is a feasibility study that is in a do nothing status. He thinks this is the time to be innovative and forward thinking with the planning of the facilities. He would entertain having one high school and repurposing the other for other programs that are within separate buildings that are not used specifically for the BOE. In addition, he stressed his feeling on the importance of STEM pathways. His vision is the "M" is for manufacturing and stated CCSU put together a packet that reviews STEM

pathways. He wants to focus on the operations side of adding an additional school online and doing nothing to the existing facilities. He feels doing nothing is irresponsible of the committee and board.

Commissioner O'Brien expressed because of the many changes, the feasibility study is difficult to work from; however, did state the study does include MBIAMS. Because the district is currently working on the state funded renovation at MBIAMS, it is very unlikely the state would fund additional renovate as new projects.

The programming effort for MBIAMS and the BOE vision was discussed. Dr. Carbone stated although the buildings may be large it's the size of the classrooms that are important to keep that relationship with teacher and student. In the K-8 model, it is two schools, a K-5 and a 6-8. The MS core classes will be treated the same way in all of the schools including MBIAMS. The dynamic of the magnet school is that the family can choose to participate or not to. It is important to keep in mind the future is flexible programming and flexible thinking for our students.

Commissioner Hintz stated the "do nothing" option in the feasibility study is not really "do nothing." It is accompanied with a list of the target repairs that are needed within the facilities.

It is requested that the administration set up a workshop regarding the vision of curriculum and to look at how that interacts with the current facilities and look at the facilities going forward. This will be scheduled in September 2019.

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Hintz at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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