

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL WOODBRIDGE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Tuesday, September 4, 2018

South Assembly Room

CALL TO ORDER: Ms. Hamilton, Chair called the meeting to order (5:35 PM).

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Ms. Margaret Hamilton, Chair, Ms. Claire Coleman, Dr. Steve Fleischman (5:56 PM) Ms. Maegan Genovese, Secretary; Garrett Luciani, Ms. Lynn Piascyk, Mr. John Vultee (via telephone).

STAFF: Mr. Robert Gilbert, Superintendent; Cheryl Mammen, Special Services Director; Al Pullo, Director of Business Services/Operations; Gina Prisco, Principal; Analisa Sherman, Assistant Principal; and Marsha DeGennaro, Clerk of the Board.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: Gerald Weiner, Town Counsel, Sheila McCreven and Andy Esposito, Ad Hoc Building Committee Members; Jim Saisa, Amity Facilities Manager; Vito Esparo, BRS Facilities Manager; Kris Hart-Rooney, Teresa Nakouzi, Teachers; Charles Clark, Danielle Davis, Michael and Kristin Haas; Sandy Simowitz, community.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Mr. Haas expressed concerns regarding the mold issue, remediation and the lack of testing that was completed throughout the building. How do we measure the effectiveness of the work being done to remediate, who are the official testers and what responsibility do they bear if they are wrong and mold still exists in various areas.

AD HOC BUILDING COMMITTEE REPORT – Mr. Esposito outlined recent updates the Ad Hoc Committee received regarding temperature / humidity levels, system program controls, mechanical components and engineering services since the pipe burst situation in January. The system has been a challenge since the initial installation and improvements are required. As systems have been in place and running for two summers and two winters, comparison data is readily available. It is the goal of the committee to create an environment that will be sustainable for the next 18-20 years through vetting of the system and addressing whatever corrections may be necessary. To that end, a very knowledgeable commissioning agent / engineer was retained after the pipe burst in January to test the system and make recommendations accordingly, albeit system, mechanicals etc. Given recent humidity issues, the same engineering firm has prepared a proposal in the amount of approximately \$34,625 to identify the cause of the temperature and humidity issues and to develop recommendations for corrective measures. All design specs will be reviewed. In addition, original load calculations and systems will be tested to determine if the installed equipment is running per the design specs.

Mr. Saisa indicated that he has worked with the same firm on similar issues that previously existed at Amity. It is hoped that since the current hot spell creates ideal situations for testing humidity levels and full load capacities throughout the system, an evaluation and assessment will be accomplished sooner rather than later. It was noted that the outlined scope of work encompasses system evaluations. Any additional work that may be required would be achieved through a formal bid process.

Dr. Fleischman arrived (5:56 PM)

Questions were raised regarding specific remediation / confirmation efforts, disassembly of equipment, process specifics for system evaluation, report assessment, program management and procedures / maintenance requirements. It was noted that all findings will be reported to the Board of Education as well as the Board of Selectmen.

MOTION #1 – VAN ZELM HVAC EVALUATION PROPOSAL

Move that the Woodbridge Board of Education request the Board of Selectmen review and consider the Van Zelm Engineering HVAC Evaluation Document Proposal #2018137 for funding the scope of work identified in the project proposal.

Ms. Hamilton

Second by Mr. Luciani

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MOTION TO ADJOURN:

(6:02 PM)

Ms. Piascyk

Second by Ms. Hamilton

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Recorded by Marsha DeGennaro, Clerk of the Board