

School Consolidation Sub Committee Meeting

Monday, October 18, 2010 5:30 PM

PPMS Library, 1 Route 164, Preston, CT 06365

I. Call to Order	Speaker (s) : James Jancewicz
II. Pledge of Allegiance	Speaker (s) : James Jancewicz
III. Approval of Minutes	Speaker (s) : James Jancewicz
IV. Public Comment	Speaker (s) : James Jancewicz
V. New Business: Discussion	Speaker (s) : James Jancewicz
VI. New Business: Votes Required	Speaker (s) : James Jancewicz
VII. Old Business: Discussion	Speaker (s) : James Jancewicz
VIII. Old Business: Votes Required	Speaker (s) : James Jancewicz
IX. Date and Time of Next Meeting	Speaker (s) : James Jancewicz
X. Adjournment	Speaker (s) : James Jancewicz

School Consolidation Sub-Committee Meeting

September 13, 2010 05:30PM

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1. Call to Order

James Jancewicz called the meeting to order at 5:43PM. Deborah Burke-Grabarek was present. Daniel Harris was absent. Also present: Dr. John Welch; Superintendent, Gloria Homiski; Recording Secretary, Gary Miller; Interim Business Manager, Ivy Davis; Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Special Education, Ray Bernier; Principal PPMS, Kathryn Walsh; Principal PVMS, Bob Congdon; First Selectman, Julianne Hanckel; The Day, Bill Legler and Larissa Klymenko.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Approval of Minutes

Moved, to approve the minutes of the School Consolidation Sub Committee Meeting of June 21, 2010. Congdon/Burke-Grabarek. Unanimous. Motion Carries.

4. Public Comment

Larissa Klymenko asked if we could post any future meeting of the school consolidation sub-committee on the Principal's Newsletter. Dr. Welch said that we would do so.

5. Old Business: Discussion

Dr. Welch announced a vacancy for a parent, non-voting member to the school consolidation sub-committee. Five or six parents expressed an interest. Gary Miller chose one name from a hat. Larissa Klymenko was the parent appointed to the committee.

The Town also announced a vacancy for a non-parent, non-voting member for the committee. Bill Legler was the only person to respond.

Moved, to appoint Bill Legler as a non-parent, non-voting member of the school consolidation sub-committee. Congdon/Burke-Grabarek. Unanimous. Motion Carries.

Dr. Welch addressed the committee and audience with regard to the considerations behind the idea of consolidation. The first consideration is Preston's declining school enrollment. The second is that the fragile economy will leave Preston with a significant revenue shortfall.

If we consolidate we would see a savings in transportation, administration and special education. If Central Office were to share PPMS with Town Offices or perhaps rent part of the building to an outside agency, other savings would arise. If we are to hire a Director of Finance and School Business Operations it might work more effectively if Central Office and Town Offices are centrally located as in Madison. PreK, OK Kids, and YSB could also be housed at PPMS.

In order for the consolidation to work, modular units would have to be purchased for PVMS to hold art, music and Spanish. We would receive state reimbursement for the modulars and there are not as many constraints on adding modulars as there would be if building an addition.

Members of the committee asked about the use of the gym, café, and library. They asked if the building is equipped with the needs of middle school students. Lockers could easily be added. Good scheduling is the key to success according to both principals.

The October 1st enrollment will be thoroughly reviewed and the Sub Committee will meet again on October 18th.

6. Old Business: Votes Required

7. Date and Time of Next Meeting

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8. Adjournment

Moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:45PM. Congdon/Burke-Grabarek. Unanimous. Motion Carries.