

## School Consolidation Sub Committee Meeting

Monday, February 7, 2011 5:30 PM

PPMS Library, 1 Route 164, Preston, CT 06365

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

## School Consolidation Sub Committee Meeting

November 08, 2010 05:30PM

PVMS Library

### 1. Call to Order

James Jancewicz called the meeting to order at 5:31pm. Dan Harris and Bill Legler were also present. Larissa Klymenko was absent. Also present: Dr. Welch; Superintendent, Gloria Homiski; Recording Secretary, Ivy Davis; Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Special Education, Ray Bernier; Principal PPMS and Dr. Walsh; Principal PVMS. Audience: Jennifer Crary, Susan Strader.

### 2. Pledge of Allegiance

### 3. Approval of Minutes

Moved, to approve the minutes of the October 18, 2010 School Consolidation Sub Committee Meeting as modified. Jancewicz/Harris. Motion Carries.

### 4. Public Comment

None

### 5. New Business: Discussion

LEARN: Dr. Welch talked to Mrs. Secombe about the possibility of renting space at PPMS to LEARN for a vocational program. LEARN is interested but would need commitment from area superintendents to move forward.

Site Visit to Mary E. Griswold Elementary School: Dr. Welch, Jim Jancewicz, and Ray Bernier visited the modular building at this site. They have 4 modular classrooms with a similar layout to what we would need. The planning phase took place between May and September and the actual construction took place from September to December.

2011-2012 grade Level Assignments: Dr. Welch reviewed the room layout for 2011-2012 assuming modulars are in place.

Modulars: Dr. Welch reviewed the anticipated pricing for the modulars. He explained that he needed to get a concrete number for the changing room modular.

Mrs. Crary asked whether or not it would be feasible to combine the two school libraries. Mrs. Strader expressed concern over the "size" of tables and chairs in the shared space (i.e., art, music). Ivy Davis suggested that we contact the other feeder districts to NFA who have PK to 8 school districts.

Dan Harris suggested the possibility of getting another modular to accommodate Central Office at PVMS. That way PPMS could be sold outright. Dan also asked if the savings would offset the cost of the modulars. Dr. Welch said that he would ask Gary to break out certain costs and bring the report to the sub committee's next meeting.

It was decided that the sub committee would further review the three options presented (using PPMS as a municipality building, renting part of PPMS to LEARN, selling the building), study cost savings, and question the effectiveness of the PK to 8 model.

Bill Legler asked that Dr. Welch include the fringe benefit numbers for the contracted service employees to the personnel list he provided to the sub committee.

6. New Business: Votes Required

7. Old Business: Discussion

8. Old Business: Votes Required

9. Date and Time of Next Meeting

December 13, 2010

5:30pm

PVMS Library

10. Adjournment

Moved, to adjourn the meeting at 6:57pm. Jancewicz/Harris. Motion Carries.



### K - 8 Consolidation Survey

	Sprague	Voluntown	Franklin	Bozrah	Sterling
<b>Oct 1 K-5 Enrollment</b>	275	185	133	155	300
<b>Oct 1 6-8 Enrollment</b>	96	89	91	77	161
<b>Total</b>	<b>371</b>	<b>274</b>	<b>224</b>	<b>232</b>	<b>461</b>
<b>How long has your district been K-8?</b>	forever	57 years	50 years	since 1960	forever
<b>Number of Principals</b>	1	1	1	1	1
<b># Asst Prin</b>	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Other Admin</b>	Sped Dir	Sped Dir	0	Super .4 Stud Ser Dir	Super .4 Sped Dir
<b>Sped teachers</b>	3	2	2.1	3	6
<b>Psych</b>	1	0.6	0.6	0.525	1
<b>Speech</b>	1	1.8	0.8	1	1
<b>Guidance</b>	0	1	0	0	0
<b>Social Worker</b>	1	0	0	0	1.6
<b>Nurse</b>	1	1	1	0.8	1
<b>Remedial Reading</b>	2	0	2	1	1
<b>PT</b>	0.7	contracted out	contracted out	contracted out	contracted out
<b>OT</b>	0.7	contracted out	contracted out	contracted out	contracted out

	<b>Sprague</b>	<b>Voluntown</b>	<b>Franklin</b>	<b>Bozrah</b>	<b>Sterling</b>
<b>Share common space?</b>	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
<b>Sq. Ft.</b>		60,000		58,503	82,000
<b>Lunches</b>	4 waves	4 waves	3 waves	3 waves	3 waves
<b>Separate Enter/Exit</b>	No	No	No	No	No
<b>Students Separated?</b>	primary/middle	Primary, Elementary Jr High	Primary, Inter. Middle	Primary, Inter. Middle	Primary, Inter Middle
<b>Same length instructional day?</b>	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
<b>6-8 change classes?</b>	yes	No	yes	yes	departmentalize 7&8
<b>Daily hours</b>	8:45 to 3:00	9:00 to 3:15	8:10	8:25 to 3:05	8:30 to 3:00
<b>Central Office onsite?</b>	yes	Separate Building	yes	yes	yes
<b>Common faculty lounge?</b>	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
<b>PE Locker Rooms</b>	yes	yes	yes	yes	no
<b>Science Labs</b>	yes	No	yes	yes	yes
<b>Biggest Advantage</b>	Older kids helpers	Smooth grade transition		Strong sense community	Community Connect. Cross Gade Comm.
<b>Biggest Disadvantage</b>	None	Develop 3 handbooks Scheduling Different Rules		Teachers PD limited small school	small staff



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December 7, 2010

To: School Consolidation Sub-Committee

From: John J. Welch, Ed.D.

Re: Consolidation Options

To date, we have discussed the following three consolidation options:

**Option 1:**

House grades PK-8 and administrative offices at Preston Veterans' Memorial School (PVMS) and declare Preston Plains Middle School (PPMS) surplus.

**Option 2:**

House grades PK-8 at PVMS and re-locate administrative offices to PPMS where they could enjoin with town offices to create a municipal building complex.

**Option 3:**

House grades PK-8 at PVMS and re-locate administrative offices to PPMS where they could enjoin with LEARN to occupy approximately half the building to support a vocational education program for high school age students.

Among the three options, Option 1 would yield an estimated annual cost savings of \$150,311 (see appended detail), excluding any personnel savings attributable to consolidating the district.

Since the Town does not appear interested in the prospect of creating a Municipal Building at PPMS, no effort has been made to calculate the cost savings associated with doing so, but presumably it would be less than the estimated savings associated with Option 1 since there would be an on-going operational expense that the parties would share.

Similarly, it is not possible to calculate the cost savings attributable to entering into a lease arrangement with LEARN primarily because LEARN will not make a commitment absent a corresponding commitment from the member towns comprising LEARN. They will not seek such a commitment absent an affirmative vote of the Board of Education declaring that space is available at PPMS.

**Preston Public Schools  
Summary of Preliminary Cost Savings  
Closing Preston Plains Middle School**

Account	Description	Amount	Comment
1-101-430-2600-0000	Elevator Maint	1,750	ThyssenKrupp
	State Inspection Certificate	240	
	Off-contract repairs	2,500	
	Asbestos Management Plan	500	
	Boiler Maintenance	1,000	
	Hood cleaning	300	
	Phones/clocks/fire alarms	5,000	Simplex -contract \$3500
	Water	1,500	
	Septic cleaning	650	
	Fire extinguishers - insp/maint	400	
	Fertilizing - weed control	8,500	Lawn Dr
1-101-0060-442-1000-0000	Copier Leases	12,840	Remove 2 copiers \$6420 each
1-101-0040-450-2600-000	Building Improvements	10,000	Security, fencing, paving, etc
1-101-0060-520-2500-0000	Property/Liability Insurance	5,000	Est for only PVMS on policy
1-101-0060-530-1000-0000	Remove two T-1 Lines	6,480	
1-101-0040-613-2600-0000	Custodial/Maintenance Supplies	14,000	40% less sqft
1-101-0040-620-2600-0000	Heating Oil - Dime Oil	48,840	Est 22,000 gals @ \$2.22
1-101-0040-621-2600-0000	Natural Gas/Propane		
	Norwich Utilities - Hot Water	8,500	Est of 1st year service
	Amerigas - Kitchen	500	
1-101-0040-622-2600-0000	Electricity		
	CL&P	27,240	Est 150,000 Kwh @ \$0.1816
	CL&M Loan Payments	11,956	Energy Efficiency Loan
1-101-0040-420-2600-0000	Refuse Removal	3,240	
	<b>Total Reduction</b>	<b>\$ 170,936</b>	
<b>Additions due to added modular space - est. 7500 sqft</b>			
1-101-0040-613-2600-0000	Custodial/Maintenance Supplies	2,775	Est \$0.37 per sqft
1-101-0040-620-2600-0000	Heating Oil - Dime Oil	6,975	Est \$0.93 per sqft
1-101-0040-622-2600-0000	Electricity	10,875	Est \$1.45 per sqft
	<b>Total Addition</b>	<b>\$ 20,625</b>	
	<b>Net Total</b>	<b>\$ 150,311</b>	