



Cromwell Public Schools
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CROMWELL BOARD OF EDUCATION

Special Board Meeting
Thursday, March 10, 2022
Minutes and Motions

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Rosanna Glynn, Chair at 7:00 p.m.

II. Roll Call

CMS Building Committee

Present: Ken Clelland, Rosanna Glynn, Shannon Hughes-Brown, Ken Jackson, Blaise Messinger, John Post. Alternates: Jessica Lamb, Heather Jacobs

Absent: Matt Blanchette

Administration

Present: Dr. Macri, Ann Cocchiola, Tommy Litwinczyk

Board of Education Members

Celina Kelleher, Kelly Cloutier, Matt Zabroski, Kelly Franklin

CSG and Other Representatives

Present: Karen DePersia - CSG, Jeff Wyszynski, Eddie Widofsky, Antonia Ciaverella - Tecton

Town Representatives - None

I. Middle School Tour

All in attendance toured the Cromwell Middle School from 7:05 p.m. to 7:53 p.m.

II. Approval of Agenda

Chair Rosanna Glynn stated she would like to amend the agenda by adding; Public Comments, Updates, Charter, Council Meeting Notes and Tecton Presentation.

Motion to Approve the Amended Agenda made by Ken Jackson, seconded by Ken Cleveland. Vote: Unanimous.

Public Comments - None

III. New Business

Charter

Rosanna Glynn passed a copy of the new Committee's Charter out to the members and stated we do not have to review now, please make recommendations and it will be voted on at the next meeting. We are committed to serve on the project in its entirety with the Board of Education. In regards to all communication, the policy will be all outside communication should go through Rosanna. A request was made for everyone to stay off of social media and we do not need to be counterproductive, even if we disagree we need to provide a united front.

Update

Enza Macri stated we had a Zoom meeting with Chris & Karen from CSG, Tall Timbers, usually it takes 6-8- months to get a project up and going but the good news is that they had really good ideas for us to implement. To create a website and newsletters and to reach out to our PTOs. Once the March 23rd decision is made, a baseline survey will be sent out. Create a "PAC" Political Action Committee, this committee will offset the negative discussion that will happen in town especially during the "quiet time." Discussion was had regarding the quiet time in Cromwell, how long it is and what it entails. Also, we need to ask for access to the town lawyer. The norm is 30 days Karen said and she is trying to get a meeting with Marianne. A question was asked if we can e-blast information to our families? The Special Town Meeting is on June 7, 2022 and if it is petitioned, it is timeboxed. They have 30 days from first to last signatures and need a minimum of 200 signatures. At the Town Council meeting last night, they approved Rosanna's position as Chair.

Timeline

A handout was given to Committee members and Rosanna Glynn explained the timeline. After May 11, 2022 the "PAC" would be fully active. We need to see a preliminary sketch, Ira will be putting a timeline together for marketing.

Environmental Site Assessment

Karen DePersia stated part of the Environmental Site Assessment (ESA), the State is requiring Phase 1 to be added to be part of submission. We are required to get three quotes and approval from the Town Council and Board of Finance. It includes site information and any buildings on the property, it is an in depth search. Phase II is for evasive testing.

A. Review BoE CMS Mini Spec

Discussion was had regarding the CMS Specs, hopefully they will be added to the next Board of Education meeting and will be revised on Monday. A Special Meeting will be set for the approval and a date will be set next week. A question regarding the minimum 824 square feet, Fran will confirm that difference. At Glastonbury Middle School, they have three large classrooms and they can be divided into smaller rooms. If we would like to do that as well, does that need to be specified in Ed Specs? Also, a game room is planned, it is for positive reinforcement for students.

B. Tecton Presentation

Eddie Widofsky, Senior Project Manager - TectonArchitects reviewed a PowerPoint presentation which entailed a brief overview of past projects on both renovate as new and build as new. A copy of the presentation attached below.

A tour has been scheduled for Monday, March 28, 2022 at 2:30 p.m. to visit Colchester Middle School.

[Tecton PowerPoint Presentation](#)

C. Review CSG Timeline

A question regarding seating in the auditorium is listed at 250, currently has approximately 480 seats. Additional items to review; amphitheater, and any other outdoor learning areas. Need to also include a lactation room, ultimate rooms and folding partitions in large classrooms. Discussion was also had regarding voting, 60% of voters are seniors.

D. Review Action Items.

CMS Building Committee Meeting Schedule for 2022

Edits were made to reflect; adding Monday, March 28, 2022 at 2:30 p.m. for a site visit to Colchester Middle School, adding Wednesday, March 30, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. for an additional meeting, changing Wednesday, March 18, 2022 to Thursday, March 19, 2022 and deleting Wednesday, December 28, 2022.

Motion to Approve the Amended CMS Building Committee Meeting Schedule for 2022 with the above edits made by Ken Jackson, seconded by Shannon Hughes-Brown. Vote: Unanimous.

IV. Review Sub-Team/Reports

V. Comments, Updates and Announcements from Board Members and Administrators

VII. Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn the Special Meeting of the Board of Education at 10:12 p.m. made by Ken Jackson, seconded by Ken Cleveland. Vote: Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Hicks
CMS Building Committee Recording Clerk