

REGULAR MEETING – FACILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

Litchfield Board of Education

Tuesday, February 21, 2012, Central Office Conference Room, 6:30 p.m.

A regular meeting of the Litchfield Board of Education Facilities and Technology Committee was held on Tuesday, February 21, 2012 at 6:32 p.m. in the Central Office Conference Room.

Members Present: Mr. Bongiorno (chair), Mr. Shuhi and Mr. Falcetti.

Also Present: Dr. Wheeler, Mr. Simone, Mr. Crowe, Mr. Buccitelli, Ms. Cook, Mr. Soares, Ms. Longobucco, Ms. Fabbri, Ms. Moore and press.

MOTION made by Mr. Shuhi and seconded by Mr. Falcetti: to approve the minutes of the January 17, 2012 regular meeting as corrected. Under Old Business a. change “Was” to “was” and on Page 2 under Technology b. change “review” to “reviewed”.

MOTION carried. All votes were in the affirmative. There were no abstentions.

Communications - none

Public Comment –

- Mr. Fabbri commented about the Plumb Hill agreement, was willing to come and answer questions.
- Mr. Soares (AFSCME) commented that a change in working conditions needs to be negotiated, union is prepared to take legal actions, union has taken furlough days in past, questioned logic in maintenance agreement.
- Ms. Cook and Ms. Tricia Cardin of AFSCME would be willing to speak to committee.

Old Business

- a. Maintenance Agreement: Chairman reviewed past history of agreement over the years, put together a plan to begin July 1st, money can be turned over to Town or be paid monthly, savings of \$80,000, attorneys involve, do a plan carefully and methodically showing concern for all involved, have to bring before Board of Education, process must be able to work for good, an agreement in writing is necessary, M.B.R. has been investigated and discussed, electricity, oil, gas, etc. not part of agreement and remain with Board of Education, no legal agreement made at this time, to Board of Education on March 7, 2012.

New Business

- a. Plumb Hill Agreement: tabled
- b. Storage Building: pricing, go for a standard size, \$8-12K cost, put where bus building is, north side of L.H.S. beyond science wing, will consider L.H.S. basement also.
- c. Center School Flooring: four companies bid, available funds are \$81,709 (from Capital), Board of Selectman will be given cost of bids and Board of Education's recommendation for company to perform the work.
- d. 2012-13 Budget Discussion:
 - OCR – Board of Education worked on several projects, still need ramp at gym entrance.
 - Reduction in Maintenance Staff .4 FTE – might be at L.H.S. but there is no final decision at this time.
 - Upkeep of Building P81 budget proposal - decrease of \$12K, \$2,500 decrease in maintenance supplies, total budget for maintenance is \$842,000.

Technology

- a. Phase #1 Infrastructure: eliminate one tech assistant, can cover needs with two people, have offered teachers training in the past and were not always successful, staff must be functional in a technical world, discussed how tech assistants treat problems that arise, use a tech ticket system, BYOT and BYOD in senior lounge, there is no complete control of all devices at this time, BYOD incurs infrastructure costs, put money in budget for necessary equipment, should put money in budget for Technology Director, needed to bring system upward, cost would be \$75-85K, discussed leasing, no money set aside for tech infrastructure; L.H.S. infrastructure for \$180K, discussed draft Technology Plan of Litchfield Public Schools, Phase I need for infrastructure improvements, Phase II for L.I.S.; Phase III for L.C.S.

Future Agenda Items - none

MOTION made by Mr. Falcetti and seconded by Mr. Shuhi: to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

MOTION carried. All votes were in the affirmative. There were no abstentions.

Respectfully Submitted
Donald R. Falcetti
Board of Education