

Building Charge Sub-committee of the Cooperative School Board
August 15, 2005
Minutes

Attendees:

Pauline Plourde, Business Administrator
Keith Parent, GMHS Principal
Paul Bousquet, Ed Fenn Principal

Angela Brown, Cooperative School Board
Donna Goodrich, Cooperative School Board
Kathleen Kelley, Cooperative School Board
Wendy Niskanen, Cooperative School Board
Mike Waddell, Cooperative School Board

Debra Ackerman, community member
Stewart Shaw, community member
Conrad Deutsch, community member

Called to order at 6:30 p.m. After introductions, Donna Goodrich was elected facilitator and discussion regarding the charge to the new building committee ensued. Those in attendance submit the following mission and objectives for consideration by the Cooperative School Board:

Mission:

The building committee, under the direction of the cooperative school board, will define options and opportunities to meet the current and future needs of the learning communities of the cooperative school district.

Objectives:

To review, with input from faculty and administrators, the three plans for the Gorham Middle/High School previously submitted to the Gorham School Board to determine if these plans (1) meet current State public building and educational standards; (2) meet the NEASC recommendations; and (3) meet current educational laws. The three plans to be considered are (a) on-site renovation; (b) on-site new building, and (c) off-site new building.

To provide a written report designed to inform the Cooperative School District voters, including:

- Estimated cost of each option if completed in 2009
- Highlights of each plan including its ability to support the delivery of the revised curriculum
- Ability of each plan to meet future needs of the learning communities

o Energy Efficiency and Maintenance Costs for each option
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Assumptions (these were not fully explored at this meeting):

The building committee minutes will be shared on a timely basis with the cooperative school board members.

The plans for renovating the Edward Fenn Elementary developed by the Gorham School District building committee do not need further development at this time.

The building committee will gather, analyze, and synthesize the data available. If a consultant is required to help in this process, they must approach the Cooperative School Board with a request to find a suitable consultant.

The option of sending high school students to Berlin High School is a non-issue, because per written correspondence with the Berlin School Board, significant renovations would be required of BHS to accommodate additional students, similar to renovating GMHS.

The option of having one school building k-12 is a non- issue, because the cooperative school district does not believe it is educationally sound to mix these age groups.

Adjourned at 8:25 p.m.