

GRS Cooperative
Building Committee and School Board Meeting
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Thursday, October 12, 2006
GMHS Library

Present: Ben Mayerson, Nancy Burleson, John Carpenter, Conrad Deutsch, Kathleen Kelley (@ ~6:45), Reed Leberman, and Jean Tremblay

Staff Present: Paul Bousquet, Karen Cloutier, David Goyette, Keith Parent, and Pauline Plourde

Other: Blair Banker (LKC), Jen Bennett (Berlin Reporter), Angela Brown (Board), Jo Ann Carpenter (Board), Donna Goodrich (Board), Ed Murdough (NH DOE), Bob O'Leary (LKC), and Gail Scott (Berlin Daily Sun) (@ ~6:45)

I. Call to Order:

By Ben Mayerson 6:32pm

II. Approval of minutes from 10/5/06:

->A motion to accept made by Reed, seconded by Nancy. No discussion **7 votes yes. John abstained.**

III. Gorham Town Common/Shelburne Field:

Ed Murdough covered changes in the State Aid rules that now allow funds to be used to improve municipally owned fields, being used by the school district. The rules now require a ten (10) year agreement is in place, between the District and the town(s).

IV. Other:

None

a. Public comment

None

V. Welcome Ed Murdough:

Ed reviewed the State Aid funding rules for bonds that would be issued in 2007 emphasizing several key items

- The Co-operative district is now eligible for 56% funding vs. the 45% that the Gorham district would have received
- There is the potential to receive up to 3% of additional funding for incorporating "high performance" items into our school design. This funding is awarded on competitive basis among the schools applying and meeting the criteria. Ed feels this adds 2-3 % to the total cost but is more than paid for by the increased aid level over the life of the bond, and the lower operating costs achieved.
- Ed suggested we talk with the NH Timber Owners concerning their interest in wood chip fired heating plants.

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- Ed indicated that the funding rules now include requirements for the following items:
 - Must submit a maintenance plan
 - Plan must include planned staffing
 - In the future the State will not pay for items that are damaged because of the lack of ongoing maintenance
- Ed reviewed a number of the factors in the State formulas as to space requirements and how utilization factors are applied. He also noted that a 20% increase in area allotment is given to small schools (250 or less students). He also indicated that square footage waivers are often granted when some areas are being renovated, due to the ratio of gross to net in older buildings.
- Ed indicated that Banwell has an excellent handle on this, and his quick look at our preliminary plans did not raise any issues with him.
- He also indicated that site prep and demolition, along with new furnishings are not considered part of construction costs in the formula.
- He emphasized that the State funding is intended to assure that good design and construction methods are used.

VI. Kennedy update:

a. Option Cost Estimates

i. Ed Fenn

ii. GMHS

Bob and Blair covered the initial cost estimates for the options they were given on September 28th. The Committee questioned them about how the estimates were put together, and what each sub-group contained. There was also an extensive discussion around how the contingencies were assigned and what each meant.

b. Other

Ed Murdough cautioned us not to write a fixed contingency into our contract with Kennedy.

Ben indicated that there were estimates now being prepared for changes resulting from the Faculty meetings with David Lauren.

VII. Review of trip to Hanover:

Ben gave an overview of the trip and there was some general discussion around what we saw and how we might apply.

(task)- Paul is looking into how they schedule such that their cafeteria serves a student body of 800(+), yet has seating for only about 160 students.

VIII. Informational Spread Sheet:

Not discussed, due to lack of time.

IX. Forum Public Outreach update:

Not discussed, due to lack of time

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X. Next meetings:

- a. October 17, 6:30pm @ Shelburne TH - Board meeting BC presentation
- b. October 19, 6:30 @ GMHS Library
- c. October 24, 6:30 tour, 7pm **forum** @ Ed Fenn Teacher's Lounge
- d. October 26, 6:30 tour, 7pm **forum** @ GMHS Music Room
- e. November 2, 6:30pm @ GMHS Library
- f. November 9, 7pm **forum** @ GMHS Music Room
- g. November 16, 6:30 @ GMHS Library

XI. Adjournment: 8:30 pm

->Motion made by John

JC

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