

GRS Cooperative
Building Committee and School Board Meeting
MINUTES

Thursday, October 19, 2006
GMHS Library

Present: Ben Mayerson, Nancy Burleson, John Carpenter, Reed Leberman, and Jean Tremblay

Staff Present: Paul Bousquet, Karen Cloutier (@ ~7:25), David Goyette, Keith Parent, and Pauline Plourde

Other: Blair Banker (LKC), Angela Brown (Board), Jo Ann Carpenter (Board), Donna Goodrich (Board), David Laurin (Banwell), Paul Partenope (Board), and Gail Scott (Berlin Daily Sun)

I. Call to Order:

By Ben Mayerson 6:30pm

II. Approval of minutes from 10/12/06:

->A motion to accept made by Jean, seconded by Nancy. No discussion
All in favor

III. Public Comment:

None

IV. Information sharing with public and other team members:

Paul's letter was reviewed concerning the need for both the School Board and the Building Committee to stay on message once decisions are made.

V. Meeting protocol:

We discussed a concern that there was a perception that Committee members were lingering after meetings, and discussing items without the benefit of the full Committee. Ben asked that those who wish to speak raise their hand, in order to make sure that everyone gets a fair chance to talk. John pointed out that perhaps we should not always adjourn exactly at 8:30 if we have our consultants present and all items have not been resolved, and that a motion to continue the meeting should be called.

VI. Review of Board meeting on 10/17:

Jo updated the Committee on several items from the School Board meeting of October 17th.

- The Board accepted the Administration's recommendation to not offer an all day Kindergarten program, and in the same motion; to eliminate the proposed two new classrooms at the Ed Fenn.
- The Board took no action to set a spending limit on the project at this time, as they wish to gain the input from the public at the upcoming forums

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VII. Banwell/Kennedy update:

a. Revised options and cost estimates

i. Ed Fenn

- David presented a new option, number V, for the Ed Fenn that removed the two new Kindergarten classrooms, changed the orientation of the new gymnasium shown in option 1 by ninety degrees, and incorporated a new building entrance at the gym.
- This option included the input David had received from his meeting with the staff
- Blair will cost it out but expects it to be higher as he will have to address issues around the brook, e.g. soil and wetlands
- David will have HEB look into issues around the required wet lands permits
- John questioned why we were not developing an earlier proposal to extend the existing facility and add seating to the west wall but the Committee saw it as a scope reduction and thought it premature.
- Paul covered how the new gym would support the educational program at the Ed Fenn

ii. GMHS

- David covered a new renovation option, number IV, in which he had modified renovation option I to incorporate the ideas from his meeting with the staff.
- The key changes were the consolidation of the middle school into a separate wing and an improved flow path for the remaining areas. The renovated building will have two more classrooms than we presently have.
- David expects to have profile views of this layout by the November 9th meeting
- The Committee was very impressed with this option

b. Other

None

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VIII. Public Forums:

- Ben went over the outline of the meeting and asked the Committee members to try and be at the meetings by 6:30 PM. We plan to use the teachers lounge at the Ed Fenn but will use the gym if the crowd is large. He asked that Committee members not participate in the tours, but rather leave the Principals to conduct it themselves, especially since it has be limited to 25 minutes, leaving no time for any tour discussion or Q/A.
- We will briefly visit why we are here and the process being followed
- David will present the options focusing on those we have priced out.
- David will show pricing for the options we now consider our primary ones.
- Pauline will then cover the financial impact of the projects and the estimated tax rates.
- Ben will close – handouts will be available as people exit
- Drawings of the options will be on the web site after the meeting

IX. Informational spreadsheet update:

Not discussed, due to lack of time.

X. Other:

None

XI. Next meetings

- a. October 24, 6:30 tour, 7pm **forum** @ Ed Fenn Teacher's Lounge
- b. October 26, 6:30 tour, 7pm **forum** @ GMHS Music Room
- c. November 2, 6:30pm @ GMHS Library
- d. November 9, 7pm **forum** @ GMHS Music Room
- e. November 14, 6:30pm @ GMHS Library (**CHANGE**)
- f. November 21, 6:30pm @ GMHS Library (if needed)

XII. Adjournment: 8:30pm

->Motion made by John, seconded by Nancy

JC

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