

GRS Cooperative
Building Committee and School Board Meeting
Minutes

Thursday, December 14, 2006
6:30pm @ GMHS Library

Present: Ben Mayerson, Craig Burcalow, Nancy Burlison, John Carpenter, Bob Demers, Conrad Deutsch, Katie Kelley (away ~ 7:05 to 7:55), Reed Leberman, and Jean Tremblay

Staff Present: Paul Bousquet, Karen Cloutier, David Goyette, Keith Parent (@ ~ 7:15), and Pauline Plourde

Other: Blair Banker (LKC) (left @ ~ 7:55), Jen Bennett (Berlin Reporter) (left @ ~ 7:00), Jo Carpenter (Board), and David Laurin (Banwell) (left @ ~ 7:55), Paul Parteno (Board)

I. Call to Order

The meeting of the GRS Cooperative Building Committee and School Board was called to order at 6:30pm

II. Approval of minutes from 12/7/06

->After review of the minutes from the December 7, 2006, a motion to accept them was made by John, seconded by Nancy. A correction was made to the attendance list, **all in favor.**

III. Public Comment

Jen Bennett commented that she quickly looked over the revised LKC estimates, which none of the Committee had seen yet. She said it was great to see the prices came down by so much.

IV. CARE meeting on 12/21 @ EFS

The CARE meeting is next Thursday (12/21). The Committee will meet jointly with them for about 15 minutes to plan an event, sponsored by CARE to promote the school project.

V. Banwell/Kennedy update

a. Update of meeting on 12/11

David handed out revised plans, derived from the 12/11 meeting. The GMHS has been reduced by approximately 10,000 (+/-) sq/ft. The EFS has been reduced by approximately 1,200 (+/-) sq/ft. David then described the changes made to the Committee.

Blair presented the revised estimates with a new project total of \$23.4M. This represents a reduction of over \$4M.

b. Other

Blair informed the Committee that an additional \$1M should be budgeted for utility work, in the street. Although HEB, LKC, and Banwell are investigating other more cost effective alternatives, they advised for now that estimate should stand, as a worse case scenario.

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Surveying has already begun and test borings will begin within a week. HEB will be looking at the playing fields shortly.

There was further discussion regarding the budget, assuring the meeting of educational specifications, the scope of the project, and other questions regarding the alterations to the plans.

->A motion was made by Bob, to recommend the project at its current scope and estimate (\$24.3M) to the Board. It was seconded by Craig. No discussion. **7 votes in favor. John voted no. Katie was out of the room. Motion passed.**

(task) - Ben will relay the Committee's recommendation to the Board at their next meeting.

David L. and Blair left the meeting.

VI. FAQ

The Committee reviewed and discussed two (2) additional pages of the latest version of the FAQ document. Discussion ensued making edits, for clearer wording, accuracy, and brevity.

The Committee will start on the FAQs, where they left off next meeting, and then go back through the document, to review the changes that came from tonight's discussions.

VII. Public outreach

All items in this # skipped over due to time.

VIII. Other

Ben distributed copies of the RSA pertaining to the conditions necessary to hold special meetings. There was some discussion.

Reed referred to an article in the paper regarding Honeywell being hired to improve the energy efficiency at the Berlin schools. No discussion.

IX. Next meetings

- a. December 21, 6:30pm @ EFS Library
- b. December 28, 6:30pm @ GMHS Library
- c. January 4, 6:30pm @ GMHS Library

X. Adjournment

->A Motion was made by John to adjourn at 8:30 pm, seconded by Nancy.

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