

Rochester School Board
Building Committee Minutes
School Department Board Room
December 7, 2017
6:00 PM

Members Present:

Mrs. Audrey Stevens, Chair
Mr. Paul Lynch
Mrs. Anne Grassie (appointed)

Members Absent:

Mr. Thomas J. Jean, Vice-Chair
Mrs. Jennifer Bryant

Also Present:

Mr. Michael Hopkins
Mrs. Linda Bartlett
Mr. Thomas O'Connor
Mr. Matthew Pappas
Mrs. Karen Stokes
Mr. Raymond Turner
Mr. Robert Watson
Mr. David Totty
Guests

The meeting was called to order 6:41 p.m. with a quorum present. Mrs. Stevens appointed Mrs. Grassie to the Building Committee.

Mr. Lynch moved, second by Mrs. Grassie, to approve the minutes of the November 2, 2017 meeting as written. The motion carried unanimously.

Facilities Update

Mr. Michael Hopkins informed the Board members of a structural concern that has been discovered at Gonic School. We were informed about chemically treated trusses at the R.W. Technology Center during the renovation study. The Middle School was found to have these chemically treated trusses well. It was decided to look at the Gonic School as that building had an addition put on during the same time frame. Upon inspection of the Gonic School trusses Mr. Totty, our Facilities Director, discovered several trusses had deteriorated to the point of breaking. We were advised not to have a snow load on that roof. At this time we are working out a plan for the students and staff. Grades 3, 4, and 5 will be moved to D Wing at the middle school. Kindergarten will stay in place and grades 1 and 2 will move into the older section of the school. There will be no school at Gonic School Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of next week as the students and staff need to be out. Teachers at the Middle School will also be moving in order to make room for the Gonic students and staff. We are working out all the details to make this a smooth transition. Dr. Oakman, Principal of Gonic School, will divide her time between buildings. Mr. Hopkins will put this information on the blog and twitter tonight.

It was requested that David Totty, put together a presentation for next week's Board meeting.

Maple ADA Options

We have the same plans to fix the first floor, including the ramp, doors and bathroom. We are considering a wheel chair lift if we can get CDGB funds. This would make the second floor available. We met with the fire department today, they would approve the lift as it will not block the stairwell. If funding is approved we hope to begin in January.

Renovations

Mr. Hopkins reviewed a handout that outlined seven different options for long range construction renovations. Long range planning is easy to prioritize if you know how much money you have. At this point, we have no money. Each of the seven options were reviewed.

Each option had pros and cons. Several included the closing of Nancy Loud School. Mr. Watson stated that the school just received National School Recognition and reached our 90% Reading Goal. So he would need to be convinced to close that school as they are doing something right.

Realigning assignments zones was discussed as well as removing the modulars. Mr. Turner stated that the most important slide was “Goal of Construction Renovations”. The first objective is what are we trying to accomplish and why. Mr. Hopkins will bring this slide to the February Building Committee to review.

Public Comment - None

Other – None

Adjournment

Mr. Lynch moved, second by Mrs. Grassie, to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Audrey Stevens, Chair