

**Hinsdale School Board Meeting
Hinsdale School District
Hinsdale Elementary School Cafeteria
Forum on Building
January 26, 2017
7:00 PM**

Board Members Present: Holly Kennedy, Sean Leary, Jeana Woodbury, Jim O'Malley, Tina McCosker

Administration Present: Wayne Woolridge, Superintendent; Tom OConnor, Business Administrator; Joe Boggio Principal, Ann Freitag, Principal Deborah Child-Trabucco, Director of Technology, Juliet Fenrich, Director of Student Services

Building Improvement Committee Members present: Joseph Boggio, Steve Fecto, Jim O'Malley, Kaylah Hemlow, Wayne Woolridge, Sean Leary, Tom OConnor, Deb Carrier, Shawn Lee and Courtney Hodge.

H. Kennedy called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm and turned over to Jim O'Malley Chair of the Building Improvement Committee.

J. O'Malley reviewed the forum format; a short time line update as to how we got there, video presentation, information from architect Paul Marinace, and a break out period for people to have questions asked between the different sub committees.

Review of time line:

Fire codes changed in 2009. We were notified of our violation of this code in 2012. The way we first interpreted the code, we thought that having first graders on the second floor was ok if we placed the classes at the ends of the building next to the emergency exit. We were later informed that this class configuration did not meet the definition of a dedicated manner of egress.

Changes to elementary school were made in the 2015-2016 school year, with movement being made to music, art, physical education, and classroom space.

Enrollment in the areas of the elementary school affected by the fire codes keep moving upwards.

This has become a life safety issue for the students and staff located in the school.

This is the best time for a warrant article to address the life safety issues.

A short video produced by high school senior Rebecca Gringeri was shown. In the video first grade teacher, Ally Mangan discussed and showed the concerns of having a classroom of almost fifty (50) children in one room.

Architect Paul Marinace reviewed the plan with those in attendance. It was noted that electrical and engineering studies were done and the current electrical and boiler would be adequate. If the bond is passed construction would probably start September 2017 and go for about nine months.

Wayne Woolridge explained the unique opportunity that was valuable to Hinsdale for this year. The stars have aligned; there is currently over fifty million dollars in state aid available to the building projects. Hinsdale is the only district in the State that has completed all the paper work to be eligible for this fund this year. The cost to taxpayers for the first year of this will be \$37,500.00. The cost to taxpayer would be approximately 40% with the State picking up 60% of the cost of the building.

The people present were also informed of the formation of the Hinsdale Educational Foundation, which can start to accept donations to help the school.

The group disbursed into the break out session and available information was decimated among the groups.

Suggestions made after breakout session completed:

1. Suggestions on sidewalk location
2. Next meeting to be held on a Saturday

The building forum adjourned at 7:35 pm

The Board discussed the 501 3 c application process after discussion the following motion was made:

S. Leary - MOVED to approve the 1023 EZ form to be used with the Board approving the cost of \$275.00. J. Woodbury SECONDED. VOTE: 5-0-0 MOTION PASSED

J. Woodbury MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 PM S. Leary SECONDED, VOTE: 5-0-0, MOTION PASSED.

I attest that this is a true copy of the minutes:

_____ approved on _____
Ann Marie Diorio

