

Hinsdale School Board Meeting
Hinsdale School District
October 5, 2016
Hinsdale Elementary School Cafeteria
Community Forum
6:00 PM

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

Building Committee Members Present: Wayne Woolridge, Joe Boggio, April Anderson, Deb Carrier, Shawn Lee, Courtney Hodge, James MacDonnell, Steve Fecto, Kaylah Hemlow and Tom OConnor

H. Kennedy called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm

J. O'Malley, Chairman, explained the process and reviewed a slide show that was prepared.

Time Line Information:

11-07-12: Chief Jay Matuszewski inspects Hinsdale Elementary School and finds it to be in violation of State Life-Safety Codes. All younger students (PreK-1) must have direct egress to upstairs fire escapes.

11-14-15: Mark Taft and Joe Boggio conduct Elementary School Enrollment studies and determine that the trend is that the projected student population will not resolve issue itself.

03-14-16: The Town of Hinsdale votes to appropriate the sum of \$50,000 to commence finding a solution to the fire code/population issue.

05/10/16: The Hinsdale School board having voted to establish an Elementary School Building Committee in April, the first Building Improvement Committee meeting occurs.

06-22-16: The Building Improvement Committee met with Ms. Amy Clark from the New Hampshire Dept. of Education. She worked with the Committee to provide the guidelines and milestone dates for applying for State Building Aid funding.

07-07-16: The Building Improvement Committee met with State Legislators (Senator Molly Kelly and Representative Michael Abbott) to discuss the District's needs and review best means of securing State Building Aid Assistance.

07-19-16: The Building Improvement Committee met with all interested Architectural Firm Representatives.

08-04-16: The Building Improvement Committee meets to review, discuss, and vote on Architect Submissions.

08-11-16: The Building Improvement Committee meets with Marinace Architects to review project details: spacing needs, peripheral issues, projected timelines, etc.

08-25-16: The Building Improvement Committee met with Marinace Architects again to review plans prior to submission to State of New Hampshire.

08/31/16: Marinace Architects deliver District plans and documents to State related to application for State Building Aid.

Steve Fecto reviewed the constraints placed on teachers, including the combining of the first grade classroom, art classes, music classes, library time. One classroom with 37 first grade students is located in the library; the library relocated to a small classroom on the second floor. When it is time for art, music, and library for the kindergarten through first grade students they meet in the cafeteria. This can cause some major congestion problems with students leaving the cafeteria for lunch, time for the teachers to set up the space for their lesson of the day.

A walk through of the school was then conducted so the audience could see firsthand some of the problems that were being discussed.

Paul Marinace, the architect for the project ran through the plan of the new extension. The project has planned for eight classrooms, three kindergarten and three first grade plus a music and art space. Discussion followed concerning the renovations that would happen in the current space for renovations to move specialist to the first floor. Discussion regarding questions from the audience was conducted.

April Anderson and Kaylah Hemlow reviewed a letter to state representatives that members of the audience could send. This would be available for people to mail, or e-mail, to reinforce the need for state aid in the building funds.

Wayne Woolridge updated the audience on where the building aid is now. He also reviewed the Hinsdale Educational Foundation, which is in the process of obtaining a 501 C 3 status. Questions from the audience were discussed.

Highlights from the forum:

- Life safety issues that have been in place since 2012 will be addressed
- If approved time the state is ready to fund projects at 60%
- A land swap is in the discussion stage; there may be no cost to taxpayers regarding acquisition of land. (a survey will be done)
- Total of new space will be eight classrooms, including art and music estimated square footage 13,000
- Renovations will move all specialist such as nurse, guidance, social worker to first floor
- Library would move back to space it was meant to
- Enrollment numbers in the lower grades are rising

- Building could begin as early as the fall of 2017, with the building opening for the 2018-2019 school year
- Building would happen with school in session
- Information will be available on the hnhsd.org website with the following link:
http://www.hnhsd.org/~hes/?page_id=101

J. Woodbury MOVED to go into non-public session according to RSA 91 A: 3 (a) (b) at 7:15 pm J. O'Malley SECONDED. Roll Call – H. Kennedy-yes, S. Leary– yes, J. Woodbury- yes, J. O'Malley-yes, T. McCosker- yes VOTE: 5-0-0, MOTION PASSED.

J. Woodbury MOVED to go out non-public session at 7:31 PM S. Leary SECONDED. Roll Call –H. Kennedy yes, S. Leary–yes, J. Woodbury- yes- J. O'Malley- yes, T. McCosker- yes VOTE: 5-0-0, MOTION PASSED.

J. Woodbury MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 PM S. Leary SECONDED. VOTE: 5-0-0, MOTION PASSED.

I attest that this a true copy of the minutes:

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Ann Marie Diorio