

Wachusett Regional School Building Committee
September 14, 2005 – Part A
Minutes

In attendance: Duncan Leith, Chair, Ralph Rondinone, Vice-Chair, Catherine Collins, Maria Millet, Jack Brennan, Emerson Wheeler, Kelly Maxwell, David White, Ex-Officio, V.O. Strekalovsky (SHR), Scott Lindberg (SHR), Michael McClarney (URS), Thomas Pandiscio, Superintendent's Designee, and Susan Sullivan, Director of Administrative Services.

Public in attendance: Joseph Sullivan, Chair, Holden Selectboard, Andrew Cherullo, Massachusetts School Building Authority, Enrique Zuniga, Massachusetts School Building Authority

Chair Duncan Leith called the meeting to order at 6:20 PM.

Guests Andrew Cherullo and Enrique Zuniga from the Massachusetts School Building Authority asked the committee for input and gave a brief overview of the new School Building Authority and outlined new funding options available for the District. It was suggested that the District's Comptroller, Peter Brennan contact Kenneth Wissman at the Massachusetts School Building Authority first thing on September 15, 2005 to begin the process for receiving progress payments for the project.

Holden Selectboard Chair Joseph Sullivan thanked Mr. Cherullo and Mr. Zuniga for coming to visit the site and gave a brief history of the difficulty in obtaining five town approval for the project. Chair Sullivan commended the Building Committee for its hard work.

Mr. Cherullo and Mr. Zuniga left the meeting.

Motion: To approve minutes from August 15, 2005.

(E. Wheeler)

(K. Maxwell)

The minutes were approved unanimously with Catherine Collins abstaining.

Architect Update: Mr. Strekalovsky introduced Scott Lindberg who will be the project manager from this point forward. Mr. Lindberg reported that there are certain things that need to be done to continue with the project and not incur further expense. He reported that there were problems with the removal of the oil tanks. He also reported that he has concerns as to whether the gymnasium will be ready when promised, the end of November.

Mr. Lindberg distributed copies of the minutes for the Project Construction meeting held on September 8, 2005. Mr. Lindberg reported that he had

scheduled a meeting with the steel company to work out problems. Discussion also took place on the continuing erosion problems and the dredging of the pond.

Construction Manager Update: Michael McLarney update the Building Committee on the progress to date.

Motion: To approve the invoice from GL Plumbing for \$645.63
(M. Millett)
(J. Brennan)

Motion passed unanimously.

Motion: To approve the purchase of furniture as presented by Dr. Pandiscio in the amount of \$105,766.

(E. Wheeler)
(K. Maxwell)

Motion passed unanimously.

Ralph Rondinone reported that he had received correspondence from a concerned citizen regarding the safety of the students. The Committee reviewed the issues. Mr. Rondinone reported that he would contact the parent with the Committee's responses.

Budget Review: Dr. Pandiscio distributed an updated estimated contingency report. The Committee reviewed the update and agreed that it was helpful for the Committee in trying to determine what additional funding must be requested of the Member Towns.

Michael McLarney reported that the restoration of the Wilson property is to be completed this fall.

Motion: To recess the meeting until Monday September 19th at 6:00 PM in the Superintendent's Conference Room for executive session only to discuss strategies for possible legal matters.

(E. Wheeler)
(K. Maxwell)

The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting recessed at 8:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Wilson, Recording Secretary