

BUDGET / FACILITIES SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

Monday, January 9, 2012

Kickemuit Middle School

Present

Subcommittee: William O'Dell, Chair, and John Bento

School Committee, Administration and Staff: Marjorie McBride, John Saviano, Melinda Thies, Mario Andrade, Pauline Silva and George Simmons

Bill O'Dell called the meeting to order at 6:48 PM.

Approval of Minutes

MOTION: John Bento motioned to approve the minutes to the December 12, 2011 Budget Meeting; Bill O'Dell seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 2 to 0.

Facilities Update

Mt. Hope High School Ground Settlement

The Phase I Assessment by SMMA's Engineers, Simpson Gumpertz & Heger, indicated a list of tasks and tests for Phase II of the assessment which is estimated at a maximum cost of \$111,400. This information is essential in order to bid out the project; these engineers are competitive in their field and George and Pauline are confident that SMMA is looking out for our best interest and finances.

This assessment does not need further approval from the Committee and will begin next week. The District will receive 78% state reimbursement over the next eight years for the repair work.

American Flags

Bill has protocol issues with our American flag and how it is displayed. George brought the flag to the meeting; it costs \$92 and was purchased this past September; he explained that typically, flags are not replaced unless they are worn or tattered and not merely faded. Kickemuit's is the only flag in the District that is lit; the Oliver flag could be lit but the flood light is not very accessible. To get more life out of the flags George suggested the flags be taken in at night; the raising of the flag each morning and the taking down of the flag each afternoon could be performed by students; this activity would serve as a civic and flag etiquette lesson; this is done at Hugh Cole. The large size of the Guiteras flag and the location of the Colt Andrews flag pole would be prohibitive at those schools so the staff would have to do it. Bill respectfully disagrees and felt we should replace them every 30 days. George said the cost would be about \$6000 per year. All agreed we should treat the flag with respect and

we should teach the children good civic and flag etiquette.

Adjournment

MOTION: At 7:05 PM John Bento motioned to adjourn. Bill O'Dell seconded.

The motion to adjourn passed unanimously.

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