

LITTLE COMPTON SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Meeting – September 16, 2010

Wilbur School Commons – 7:00 pm

Members Present: Tom Alder, Principal Jim Gibney, Superintendent Kathy Crowley, Jacob Talbot, Ben Gauthier, Margaret Manning, Mark Rapp, BG Shanklin, Dave MacGregor, Mike Steers, Dorie Freeman, John Osbourne, Lynn Brousseau-Lebreux, Micah Shapiro

Members Absent: Tom Arkins, Jake Talbot, Dave MacGregor, Bob Mushen

The Firm of Durkee Brown Viveiros Werenfels Architects was in attendance, represented by Doug Brown, Ed Cifune, and Ashley Prester. The Engineering Firm of Horsley Witten was in attendance.

Meeting was called to Order by Chairman Tom Alder at 7:05 p.m.

There was a motion made by Lynn Brousseau-Lebreux, and seconded by Don Gomez, to reconsider the vote taken on 8/18/10, which resulted in the selection of site plan 5A. During discussion on the motion, it was indicated that the original choice was being reconsidered due to feedback received from the School Committee which did not indicate support of 5A, with respect to the relocation of

the basketball court. It was noted that the School Committee did vote to allow 5A be used for costing purposes, though it was apparent that this choice would not be endorsed, as had been requested by the Building Committee.

The motion to reconsider passed by an 8 to 4 margin, with 1 abstention.

A motion was made by Micah Shapiro, and seconded by John Osborne, to retain the basketball court, and Maintenance Facility in its' current location. This motion passed by an an 11 to 3 margin.

A motion was made by Micah Shapiro, and seconded by Superintendent Crowley, to increase the parking West of the parent drop off to approximately 21 spaces. This motion passed by a 9 to 4 margin, with 1 abstention.

A motion was made by Micah Shapiro, and seconded by Mark Rapp to include separate priced budget items for the repair of the existing tennis courts, and construction of a soccer field on the South-Western part of Lot #11, due South of the tennis courts. This motion passed by a 13-1 margin.

A motion was made by Superintendent Crowley, and seconded by Dorie Freeman, to improve the parking on the Veterans Field. It was noted that it was unlikely that this portion of the Town owned property would unlikely be included in a Care & Custody delineation by the Town Council. It was noted by the Architects that any improvements made to this parking area would require more than just a top layer of gravel, and that more work would be required than was being anticipated. Superintendent Crowley withdrew her original motion.

A motion was made by Tom Alder, and seconded by Principal Jim Gibney, to include the relocation of 1 portion of the existing playground due West of the Veterans Field, and one portion due North of the proposed parent drop off area. This motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Micah Shapiro, and seconded by Superintendent Crowley, to have improvements made to the Entrance (streetscape) of the existing basketball court. It was noted during the discussion that the RCOS had already secured funds to landscape the adjacent area directly south of the basketball court, but that this did not include the potential curb extending to the street. It was thought that by including this improvement as part of the project, the complete area south of the court, to the street, would be included. This motion passed by a 13-0 margin, with one abstention.

A motion was made by Micah Shapiro, and seconded by Principal Gibney, to send the aforementioned elements of the newly prescribed Option “6”, directly to the estimator. This motion passed by a 13-1 margin.

This concluded the discussion on the site, and were the only action items considered by the Committee that evening.

There was then a presentation made by DBVW of additional refinements to the EdSpec, and accompanying Space Needs Program. The Committee had previously accepted Scheme “3A” as the appropriate floor plan for the school. This acceptance was made with a claim that there could be changes made by the Administration.

The revised floor plan presented to the Committee on 9/1 showed these changes. There was concern by several members of the Committee that the changes as noted, would keep the Music and Band programs in the same space on the stage, and that this could potentially be a scheduling problem within these two programs. At a workshop on 9/13, the Committee had universally agreed, though did not vote, that elements of the original 3A concept that were changed, would be most desirable. It was requested that the Architects include the original 3A concept for pricing purposes.

The Architects made changes to the Floor Plan that placed the Music program (which would now be considered instructional space, reimbursable by RIDE) back at the Northwest corner of the school. The District Administration would still maintain a space at this location, directly adjacent to the Music Room. It was noted by Superintendent Crowley that the changes made by the Administration were done so in an attempt to reduce the overall square footage of the Building, which would limit “unreimbursible” space as determined by RIDE. It was noted that this was the primary focus of the changes proposed.

There was concern expressed by several members of the Committee that there was an additional change made by the Administration that had not been reconsidered as part of the new floor plan being presented that evening. They included the relocation of the Computer Lab to the Media Center. It was thought that the introduction of the Computer Lab to the Media Center might prohibit space necessary for book “stacks”. The Architect indicated that this would not be the case, and that the room devoted to books would actually be increased. It was noted by Superintendent Crowley that there was more of a movement towards “electronic” reference material. Research by students was being done more and more on Computers, and that this was the face of future.

On a motion made by Mark Rapp, and seconded by Micah Shapiro, it was unanimously voted to adjourn at 9:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

**Tom Alder,
Chairman., LCSBC**