

The Greene School

BOD Emergency Meeting Minutes

07/24/12

42-46-6(c) -...nothing contained herein shall prevent a public body from holding an emergency meeting, upon affirmative vote of the majority of the members of the body when the meeting is deemed necessary to address an unexpected occurrence that requires immediate action to protect the public. If an emergency meeting is called, a meeting notice and agenda shall be posted as soon as practicable and shall be electronically filed with the secretary of state pursuant to subsection (e) and upon meeting, the public body shall state for the record and minutes why the matter must be addressed in less than 48 hours and only discuss the issue/issues which created the need for an emergency meeting. Nothing contained herein shall be used in the circumvention of the spirit and requirements of this chapter.

Open Session

1. Call to order at 7:22 PM- Members present: Dick, Karen, Dawn, Laura, Debbie, Amy, Paul, Kelly ((8/14 present- quorum met)
Nonmembers present- Rob Coulter, Melissa Burnett Testa, Deanna Duncan
2. Debbie Fletcher read the mission statement

Rob Coulter spoke and stated that it is both his and Melissa Burnett – Testa’s legal opinion and in our best interest that an emergency meeting must be called in regards to recent changes in the original lease terms by North Kingstown. Although all legal issues have been resolved, North Kingstown has stated that they will not approve the lease unless we pay 2/3 of the utility costs that they have projected and that our rent is below Fair Market Value even though they acknowledge that they have no other potential tenants.

Paul Morse made a motion that we hold an emergency meeting . Dick 2nd All agreed unanimously.

Amy asked Ms. Deanna Duncan for her thoughts on the Board still pursuing a relocation to Davisville Elementary in North Kingstown, RI.

Deanna spoke and is worried that the issues will not be resolved in time and that the time is running out before the start of the school year.

Our legal counselors- Robert Coulter and Melissa Burnett-Testa have come up with four options for us to review in regards to school location for the year 2012-2013. This was passed around to the BOD.

Extensive discussion ensued.

A modular update was given by Amy Pratt- she spoke on electrical updates, septic system issues, installation costs. Gateway has been very cooperative with the possibility of modulars on the John Potter site.

Amy spoke on possibly looking to other towns for school buildings- has been previously mentioned by Dan Moos.

We are also concerned about having adequate space for immersions .

Paul Morse has suggested we use monies we would have spent on modulars to offer as rent for immersion spaces.

Extensive discussion ensued and Deanna Duncan explained to the board how this would be possible- all students meet at John Potter in the morning for morning meeting and then would be bused to their locations for the day.

Dick West mentioned being able to get space at the GSO and Rob Coulter mentioned space in Middletown- both would be a long trip for our students.

Extensive discussion ensued on how to handle this situation with North Kingstown.

It was mentioned that we will reconnect with Tom Mitchell about renting space on Alton Jones and also with Gateway about renting the building beside our current location (the one that was used last summer). This would give an additional classroom and office space.

Paul made a motion that our legal Counsel has indicated that unless North Kingstown has a signed lease by both their school committee and town councils chairpersons and with the original terms which were made in good faith by Monday, July 30th at 10 AM, then we will decide it is not within our best interest to pursue this deal at this time. Dawn 2nd . All agree unanimously.

Dawn made a motion for the BOD Officers and a member from the facilities committee to contact both Alton Jones and Gateway to negotiate the possibility of paying rent for use of a building on their two sites or begin a search for a suitable alternative satellite space. Debbie 2nd

Extensive discussion ensued.

All agree unanimously.

Next meeting will be on Wednesday, August 8th at 7 PM at the schools current location.

Meeting adjourned by 8:45PM