

PROJECT BUILDING COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Topic: New Inter-District Elementary Magnet School at
200 Strawberry Hill Avenue

Date: Wednesday, December 17, 2014

Time: 11:00 a.m.

Place: Engineering Bureau Conference Room, 7th flr./Govt. Ctr.
888 Washington Blvd., Stamford, CT

Attendees:

- *Dr. Winifred Hamilton, Supt. of Stamford Public Schools
- *Mary Savage, Board of Reps.
- *Geoff Alswanger, Board of Education
- *Rich Lyons, Board of Education Facilities
- *Joseph Coppola, Jr., Board of Reps.
- *Anne Downey, Stamford Resident
- *Steve Falcone, Board of Education
- *Jackie Heftman, Board of Education
- *Cindy Grafstein, Mayor's Office
- Ernie Orgera, Dir., Office of Operations
- *Lou Casolo, City Engineer
- David Stein, Silver Petrucelli

The meeting was called to order at 11:07 a.m.

A motion to accept the minutes of the December 3, 2014 meeting was made by Lou Casolo and seconded by Richard Lyons. Jackie Heftman advised that the last paragraph on page 2 should specify that the *cottage buildings* are slated for demolition, to avoid any misunderstanding. The committee voted unanimously to accept the minutes of the meeting, with the stated change.

Lou stated that at the last meeting he requested and received the ed specs for temporary occupancy into the existing spaces, from Al Barbarotta, of the Board of Education Facilities, for grades K-2. This will accommodate the housing of K-2 into the 1925 and 1964 north buildings to facilitate the 2016 enrollment deadline. As desired by the committee, he proposed doing light renovations to facilitate the targeted timeline. He emphasized that there may be some negative impact with grant eligibility if any of the existing buildings are left unoccupied.

Lou introduced David Stein, with Silver Petrucelli, the architectural firm retained to develop conceptual plans from the existing blueprints, for the 1925 and 1964 north buildings. Mr. Stein presented three (3) options that would: (a) be most cost effective; (b) adhere to the Board of Education's programmatic specifications; (c) meet building and fire code compliance; (d) minimize structural changes to the buildings. Option #1 was selected by the committee, since it places the cafeteria in the lower level; kindergarten on the first level; 1st grade on the second level; and 2nd grade on the third level.

Lou asked that the Board of Education provide him with a modified ed spec to maximize grant reimbursement and stay within the allowable square footage. Also, an ed spec is required for the new addition for grades K-3.

To date, the cottage buildings are still pending demolition. Marty Levine, the Mayor's liaison, has been working closely with the Historic Preservation Advisory Committee. They responded that they will present their demands within 30 days.

Dr. Hamilton suggested that because the red barn is a historical landmark, it could be revitalized and used as a cultural venue. The BOE ed spec calls for the barn to be the school's auditorium.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:26 p.m.

(*Denotes Committee member)