

Regional School District 12  
Special District – Public Hearing Minutes  
Shepaug Valley Middle High School  
May 15, 2014

The District Public Hearing was called to order at 7:00 p.m., on Thursday, May 15, 2014, by Chairman James Hirschfield. Present were: Alan Brown, Michelle Gorra, Emily Hibbard, Michael Sinatra and Susan Stumpf. Also present were: Patricia Cosentino, Ed.D., Superintendent, Robert Giesen, Director of Finance and Operations, and Jack Butkus, ARCADIA. Jennifer Pote arrived at 7:03. Absent were: Valerie Andersen, Tony Bedini, Gregory Cava, Kelly Lott and Peter Tagley.

Also present were: Kim Gallo, Principal SVMHS and Don O’Leary, Director of Facilities.

Chairman Hirschfield read the warning below.

**WARNING**  
**DISTRICT MEETING - PUBLIC HEARING**  
Regional School District Number 12  
Towns of Bridgewater, Roxbury and Washington  
May 15, 2014

The electors and citizens qualified to vote in town meetings of the Towns of Bridgewater, Roxbury and Washington are hereby warned that a public meeting of Regional School District Number 12 will be held at Shepaug Valley Middle/High School, 159 South Street in Washington, Connecticut on Thursday, May 15, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of conducting a public hearing on Repairs to Shepaug Valley Middle/High School, prepared by the Regional Board of Education for Shepaug Valley Regional School District 12.

Presentation of the scope of work and related cost estimate for the project was presented by Jack Butkus, ARCADIA. Mr. Butkus reviewed page one of the handout “Proposed-Shepaug Middle/High School Upgrades Phase 1”. Dr. Cosentino added that a Building Committee, yet to be formed, will also be comprised of volunteers from the community.

Page two of the above hand out, Financial Cost Analysis Related to the Scope of Work was reviewed by Robert Geisen, Director of Finance and Operations.

Before public comment, Chairman Hirschfield asked that comments be kept to a reasonable time limit.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Kimberly Lindeman, Marbledale – Commented on the proposed budget for Shepaug Middle High School. Mrs. Lindeman stated that she did not see a reason to not pass the budget and that she was in support of the renovations.

Ed Wainwright, Bridgewater – Asked two questions: 1. Are the repairs based on correct and current reports so that the repairs can be tracked? Mr. O’Leary assured him they are and yes to tracking the repairs. 2. If the plan is a two portion plan, the first being 1-5 years and the second being 6-10 years, what is the position of the 6-10 year plan? Mr. Hirschfield reasonably answered the question.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Hirschfield closed the Public Hearing at 7:15 p.m.