

Regional School District 12
Board of Education
Special Meeting
Shepaug Valley School
November 2, 2016

The Special Meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 7:00 p.m., on Wednesday, November 2, 2016, by Chairman James Hirschfield. Present were Board members: Anthony Amato, Valerie Andersen, Alan Brown, Gregory Cava, Rebecca Devine, Michelle Gorra, Jennifer Pote, Michael Sinatra, and Peter Tagley. Patricia Cosentino, Ed.D., Superintendent, and Robert Giesen, Director of Finance and Operations were also present. Stephanie Kolnick and Lisa Roush were absent.

Also present were: Kim Gallo, Principal at SVS; Don O'Leary, Director of Facilities; Charles Boos and Jennifer Mangiagli, Kaestle Boos; and Brian Holmes, O&G Industries.

APPROVE REVISED POPULATION ENROLLMENT FOR AgSTEM

Anthony Amato began the presentation on projected enrollments by reviewing a handout which was shared with all Board members. Extra copies were available to guests in the audience. Multiple enrollment scenarios were portrayed and Mr. Amato explained each. There was discussion on which enrollment number should be used in the Educational Specifications for the Agriscience STEM Academy document that will be submitted to the State. Discussion followed.

MOTION: made by Alan Brown, seconded by Valerie Andersen, to use the proposed enrollment number of 135 as the projected population.

Discussion - Questions were asked pertaining to the building maximum for student capacity, student programs and should the projected enrollment number used be higher than 135.

Amendment to the motion:

AMENDMENT: made by Michelle Gorra, seconded by Michael Sinatra to amend the original motion using 139 as the projected population, instead of 135.

Discussion.

Vote on original motion:

VOTE: In favor: Anthony Amato, Alan Brown, Gregory Cava, Michelle Gorra, James Hirschfield, Jennifer Pote and Michael Sinatra.

Opposed: Rebecca Devine and Peter Tagley.

Abstained: Valerie Andersen

Motion passed (7 – 2 – 1)

Vote on the amendment:

VOTE: In favor: Anthony Amato, Valerie Andersen, Alan Brown, Gregory Cava,

Michelle Gorra, James Hirschfield, Jennifer Pote and Michael Sinatra.

Opposed: Peter Tagley

Abstained: Rebecca Devine

Amendment passed (8 – 1 – 1)

APPROVE REVISED ED SPECS FOR AgSTEM AND SCIENCE LABS

Dr. Cosentino reviewed the proposed revised document noting that based on the motion previously made and approved, this would be the document going to the State with the change of enrollment from 200 to conservatively 139. Dr. Cosentino referred to pages 6 and 8 in the document where this revision would be made.

MOTION: made by Valerie Andersen, seconded by Peter Tagley, to approve the revised Ed Specs for AgSTEM, with the revision to change enrollment on page 6 and page 8 from 200 to 139.

VOTE: unanimous.

There was discussion on the elimination of one science lab from the original five to four. Concerns on class scheduling with one less lab were discussed. Dr. Cosentino addressed the concerns.

MOTION: made by Greg Cava, seconded by Jennifer Pote, to approve the Ed Specs for the Science Labs Renovation as revised in the proposal dated October 27, 2016.

VOTE: unanimous.

CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE CONCEPTUAL DRAWINGS AND REVISED SQUARE FOOTAGE FROM KAESTLE BOOS AS RECOMMENDED BY THE BUILDING COMMITTEE

Revised copies of the conceptual drawing and space analysis, showing building square footage, were handed out by Jennifer Mangiagli, Kaestle Boos. Building Committee Chairman, Greg Cava reviewed each alteration to the existing building, regarding the VoAg areas and noted changes that the Building Committee had asked to be made. Mr. Cava also explained the reasoning for such changes. The September letter sent by the State was acknowledged, and based on this letter, Mr. Cava explained that portions of the VoAg STEM project were being moved into existing Shepaug Valley School areas to best utilize the building. Also reviewed were construction of necessary outside buildings not attached to the existing building. When reviewing the space analysis numbers, Mr. Cava referred to the floor plans which showed areas of renovations and construction. Chuck Boos, Kaestle Boos, aided Mr. Cava in answering questions from Board members. Mr. Cava and his committee were acknowledged for the work and time they had put into bringing this project together.

MOTION: made by Valerie Andersen, seconded by Michelle Gorra, to approve the conceptual drawings and revised square footage from Kaestle Boos as recommended by the Building Committee.

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VOTE: unanimous.

Dr. Cosentino stated that the next steps would be meeting with O&G, with administration and making sure all proper documentation was in the hands of the State by Tuesday, November 8, 2016. Also noted was the revision needed to be made on the ED-049 report.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Board, Alan Brown made the motion to adjourn at 9:07 p.m.

VOTE: unanimous.