

Regional School District 12  
Board of Education  
Special Meeting Minutes  
Shepaug Valley School  
November 28, 2016

The Special Meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 7:00 p.m., on Monday, November 28, 2016, by Chairman James Hirschfield. Present were Board members: Anthony Amato, Valerie Andersen, Alan Brown (7:05), Gregory Cava (7:27), Rebecca Devine, Michelle Gorra, Stephanie Kolnick, Jennifer Pote, and Peter Tagley. Patricia Cosentino, Ed.D., Superintendent, Robert Giesen, Director of Finance and Operations were also present. Michael Sinatra and Lisa Roush were absent.

Also in attendance: Charles Boos and Jennifer Mangiagli, Kaestle Boos; and Ken Biega, O & G Industries.

Michelle Gorra left at 7:03 p.m., and returned 7:15 p.m.

**APPROVE UPDATED ED SPECS, CONCEPTUAL DESIGN DRAWINGS AND COSTS FOR AgSTEM PROJECT**

Dr. Cosentino began by reporting on the meeting with DAS on November 18<sup>th</sup> in Hartford that was also attended by a group representing Shepaug. Dr. Cosentino referred to the large boards displayed showing the revisions that were made to bring the cost of the project down under \$30,000,000.00. It was stated that even with the revisions and cost reductions, no changes to the programs will be made. Dr. Cosentino noted the different documents which included: Revised Ed Specs for the Agriscience STEM Academy, the revised site plan and costs. With the revisions made, Dr. Cosentino stated that the total estimated cost to the project is \$29,957,408.00 which is a reduction of \$6,556,552.00. Dr. Cosentino opened the floor to questions by the Board. During the discussion, Dr. Cosentino requested that approval for the Site Plan, Conceptual Drawing, and Estimated Costs along with the approval for the Ed Specs.

**MOTION:** made by Valerie Andersen, seconded by Michelle Gorra, to approve the Ed Specs for the new project as outlined in the meeting of November 28, 2016.

Discussion followed. Dr. Cosentino had asked Ken Biega of O & G Industries, to explain what the escalation cost is which is part of the current project estimate. Charles Boos of Kaestle Boos, also answered questions asked by Board members. Bob Giesen was able to offer information in regard to cost. Dr. Cosentino mentioned that she had sent an email to Board members in which she would like to have a community conversation with the public on January 10, 2017. This meeting would give information on the business plan, share updated information and address any questions that may be out in the community. Enrollment was briefly discussed. Mr. Boos also addressed the timeframe, giving an estimate of dates. It was stated that a timeline would be presented at the next Building Committee Meeting.

**VOTE:** unanimous.

**MOTION:** made by Valerie Andersen, seconded by Michelle Gorra, to approve the Conceptual Site Plan and Costs.

**VOTE:** unanimous.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 7:47 p.m.