

WYOMISSING AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT 2008-3895

Minutes March 12, 2008

The special meeting of the Board of School Directors convened at 6:00 p.m. in the Community Board Room of the Jr./Sr. High School with Mr. Snyder, Board President, presiding.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Following the pledge, the recording secretary called the roll of Board members.

Board Members Present:

Mrs. Barnett, Mr. Althouse, Mr. Fitzgerald, Mr. Hinsey, Mr. Larkin, Mrs. Sakmann, Mr. Portner, Mrs. McCready (arr. 6:09 p.m.), and Mr. Snyder.

Administrative Staff Present:

Dr. Larson, Dr. Pulkowski, and Mrs. Mason.

Attendees:

Consultants Karen Iby and Mike Paston; Architect John Pryor and Mike Rader, Barton & Associates.
See sign-in sheet included as part of these official minutes.

WELCOME

President Snyder welcomed everyone and addressed the audience informing them that this evening was the first time the Board has met to discuss the options for the West Reading Elementary Center, specifically options 4 & 5. Both options involve purchasing or taking some properties in West Reading.

REVIEW OF WREC OPTIONS 4 AND 5

President Snyder reviewed both Options 4 & 5 for the West Reading Elementary Center. There was substantial discussion by the members of the Board that included topics such as acquisition costs, eminent domain, the economic feasibility of renovation versus an older building versus building a new facility, student transition time in moving from one building to another in option 4, and parking issues.

After much discussion, Mr. Fitzgerald, Mr. Portner and Mr. Althouse stated Option 4 would be their choice. Mr. Snyder, Mr. Hinsey, Mrs. Barnett, Mrs. Sakmann, and Mrs. McCready favored Option 5. Mr. Larkin said he would support Option 4 but if the former high school is not sound he would choose Option 5.

Dr. Larson noted that in discussions with the joint borough councils, Option 4 was not viewed favorably by the police for safety and security reasons.

At 7:12 p.m., the board took a ten minute break before resuming discussions.

President Snyder entered into discussion with the Board members on the other facility needs and what items could be cut.

Mike Rader from Barton & Associates, the engineer for the feasibility study, addressed the Board on how they categorized items in the study for mechanical, electrical, and plumbing and its condition.

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President Snyder polled the Board on the amount that should be requested in a referendum vote. The numbers ranged from \$36 million to \$48 million with the consensus being \$37 million.

Mr. Paston informed the group that the voting would follow the normal election day practices with the polls open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

PUBLIC
PARTICIPATION

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Mr. Larkin, seconded by Mr. Fitzgerald, the meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Corinne D. Mason
Board Secretary