

Educational Resources Committee

The Regional School District 13 Board of Education Educational Resources Committee met on Wednesday, October 11, 2017 at 6:00 PM in the Library at Coginchaug Regional High School, 135 Pickett Lane, Durham, Connecticut.

Committee members present: Mr. Moore, Mrs. Geraci, Mr. Augur, Mr. Yamartino arrived at 6:25 p.m.

Committee members absent: Mrs. Boyle

Administration present: Dr. Veronesi, Superintendent of Schools, Kim Neubig, Business Manager

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Public Comment

None.

Approval of Agenda

On a motion made by Mrs. Geraci and seconded by Mr. Augur, the agenda was unanimously approved.

Approval of Minutes – August 31, 2017

On a motion made by Mr. Augur and seconded by Mrs. Geraci, the minutes of August 31, 2017 were unanimously approved.

Infrastructure and capital planning

Kim Neubig reviewed the district identified items. There were no additional items added. Mr. Augur requested a column to be added to the chart noted any changes including what has been completed and if there is a change in the designated amount. On the milling and paving, the actual cost was \$80,000. Request was made to change chart to make it more understandable. The request was made to adjust the chart to have a more easily understandable document so that it can be used to guide our work and BOE budget priorities.

State Budget Update

Update of status of state budget was discussed. It appears that there is greater bipartisan work happening now and our most recent update is that they are close to an agreement. It is our understanding that the Governor is creating an alternative budget as well. At this time the state budget has not been finalized.

Information from IBIC

Representatives from IBIC met with Mrs. Neubig to review two borrowing scenarios. Mr. Augur asked whether we could lock in an interest rate now for money we will borrow later. Mrs. Neubig will find out and report back to the Board. All of the borrowing fees are financed through the bond. With a bank note we cannot borrow as much and stay at level funding. Mr. Augur asked what the confidence interval and

sensitivity was around the rates. Mrs. Geraci indicated how helpful walking through the buildings was as part of her Board Orientation with Dr. Veronesi and Mr. Moore.

Shared Services

The Committee discussed the district's willingness to participate in shared services with the two member towns should the opportunity present itself as a benefit to all parties. No further discussion with the towns has happened at this time.

Korn School Building Status Update

The committee discussed the impact of the state budget as a deterrent to both towns moving forward with the proposed Korn School building MOU; however, Dr. Veronesi asked our legal counsel Doug Gillette of Day Pitney to reach out to the attorneys from Durham and Middlefield to obtain a status update. The most recent communication included a request asking for a modified MOU that outlined the transaction between the two towns. The Board did not agree to modify the MOU until such time as the parameters of the transaction between the two towns was established. Durham's attorney responded that it appears that until the state budget is finalized no decisions will be made regarding Durham's acquisition of the Korn School building.

Public Comment

Carl Stoup indicated that he is glad the Board is thinking differently about school renovations.

Adjournment

On a motion made by Mrs. Geraci and seconded by Mr. Yamartino the meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.