

The Board of Education met on June 12, 2107 for the purpose of holding an informational session regarding the proposed transfer of the Korn School building to the Town of Durham.

Board members present: Mr. Moore, Mrs. Flanagan, Mr. Renninghoff, Mr. Hicks, Dr. Taylor and Dr. Friedrich

Board members absent: Mr. Augur, Mrs. Boyle, Mr. Yamartino and Mrs. Petrella

Administration present: Dr. Veronesi, Superintendent of Schools and Mr. Russell, Interim Business Manager

The meeting and the slideshow from the meeting are available at [www.rsd13ct.org](http://www.rsd13ct.org)

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

### **Drop-in, self-guided tour and refreshments**

Mr. Moore introduced the Board members and elected officials who were in attendance. He reviewed the plan for the presentation and invited the audience to tour the building and gather in 45 minutes for the presentation.

### **Panel discussion and Q&A**

At 6:45 the presentation began.

Mrs. Flanagan reviewed the RSD 13 utilization process including a review of enrollment studies and work with DRA to examine building use options. A review of renovations and repairs to Korn School since 2002 were reviewed as well as the outstanding debt and potential grant repayment as well as other costs including the cost to operate the building and demolition cost.

Mr. Renninghoff reviewed details of Center School renovations and repairs as well as details of the transfer of the school to the Town of Middlefield.

Mr. Moore reviewed the details of the proposed MOU.

First Selectman Laura Francis reviewed potential uses of the Korn School building if it is acquired by the Town of Durham. She also reviewed advantages and benefits of owning the building as well as limitations. Mrs. Francis went on to review the Korn School operating costs, capital budget, cost savings and approval process. Mrs. Francis described the code requirements if the building were to be used by the Town of Durham for the various uses she outlined and described the renovation plan and feasibility study that would be necessary. Finally, Mrs. Francis described the potential funding options should the Town of Durham acquire the building.

Mr. Moore opened the floor for public comment and questions.

### **Adjournment**

On a motion made by Mr. Renninghoff and seconded by Mrs. Flanagan the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.