



TOWN OF SHERMAN SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE

Thursday - June 2, 2022

6:00 PM

Sherman School Library Media Center

MEETING MINUTES

DRAFT TO BE APPROVED BY COMMITTEE ON JULY 12, 2022

An inaugural meeting of the School Building Committee was called to order by Mr. Bruzinski representing the Board of Selectmen at 6:05 PM on June 2, 2022.

1 - PRESENT

Members in attendance included Mrs. Bonner, Mr. Bruzinski, Mr. DaCuhna (till 6:45 PM), Ms. DePuy (till 6:30 PM), Mr. Febbrio (till 6:45 PM), Mr. Gamper, Mr. Laughlin, Mr. Viola (Via Zoom), and Mr. Vogt.

Others in attendance included four members of the public.

2 - DISCUSSED

Mr. Bruziniski began the meeting by requesting nominations for the position of Chairperson; Mr. Vogt made a motion to nominate Pam Bonner which was seconded by Mr. Gamper. No other nominations were made and Mrs. Booner was unanimously elected by all those present.

Mr. Bruziniski then requested nominations for the position of Vice Chairperson. Mrs. Bonner nominated Kerry Merkel for the position of Vice Chairperson; no other nominations were made. Mr. Vogt moved to approve the nomination suggested by Mrs. Bonner which she seconded. Ms. Merkel was unanimously elected by all those present.

Discussion then took place regarding internal and external communications. It was determined that a centralized email account should be established for the Committee to allow members of the public to easily provide feedback. Other communication

systems were also discussed, next steps would be finalized in coordination with technical staff.

Discussion then turned to setting a recurring meeting day and time for monthly Committee meetings. It was determined that the Committee would meet on the second Tuesday of each month for its regular monthly meeting.

Discussion then turned to updating enrollment projections. Mrs. Bonner requested Mr. Laughlin provide an overview of current enrollment which had exceeded projections for the second consecutive year. The prior year growth over projection was more modest, while the current year was more significant. A presentation of a proposal to update enrollment projections using a more detailed methodology and demographic analysis was presented. Mrs. Bonner made a motion to recommend the Board of Education retain SLAM Collaborative to provide accurate and updated enrollment projections for the purposes of analyzing needs for any potential facility project moving forward. The motion was Mr. Bruzinski, Ms. Depuy did not support the motion, Mrs. Bonner and Mr. Viola were present but not voting, and all other members present were in support.

Mrs. Bonner then requested Mr. Laughlin provide an overview of a draft request for proposals and qualifications related to professional services that the Committee required to proceed with planning activities. Members requested more time to review the draft before taking any potential actions.

Mrs. Bonner then requested Mr. Laughlin provide an overview of potential next steps and their associated timing. He shared a preliminary outline of the steps outlined in the draft procurement and their connectedness to ongoing work the Board of Education is conducting related to formulation of a new strategic plan and operational analysis.

3 - ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Bonner adjourned the meeting at 7:01 PM , the next regularly scheduled meeting will take place on July 12, 2022 at 6:30 PM.