SPECIAL BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
JR./SR. HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA
JUNE 3, 2015

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Michael Byrnes, Mr. Michael Breeden, Mr. Colin Campbell, Mr. Scott Henderson, Mrs. Patricia Krouse, Mr. Paul Shephard. Mrs. Barbara Henry arrived at 7:10 p.m.

ABSENT:

OFFICIALS PRESENT: Mrs. Sandy Anzalone, Superintendent; Mr. Thomas Murphy, Director of Finance; Mrs. Kathy McCarthy, Senior Clerk Typist; Liz Karstedt, Student Representative

ALSO PRESENT: Mr. Jeff Cervoni, Jr./Sr. High School Principal; Mr. Marc Graff, Eden Elementary School Principal; Mrs. Shawn Johnson, Director of Pupil Personnel; Mrs. Lucinda Karstedt, Director of Information Technology; Mrs. Kelly LaRosa, Director of Curriculum & Instruction and Staff Development; Mr. David Martin, Superintendent of Buildings & Grounds; Miss Patricia Menkiena, Jr./Sr. High School Assistant Principal; Jennifer Horschel and Jack Cuddihy, Board Members Elect

Called to order

At 7:02 p.m., Mr. Byrnes called the meeting to order and asked those present to join in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Comments

Mr. Shephard asked if there were comments from the public. There were no comments.

Information and Proposals –

Capital Project Information

- Mrs. Anzalone invited Tom Caruso, Madelyn Murphy, Mike McCarthy, and Ryan Neumeister to discuss the Capital Project. Report #5, Section 4, shows proposition 2 options. Proposition 1 was for $12.25 million with a neutral tax impact. Proposition 2, which would have about $5.5 million in items cut, was to get down to $7 million. Mrs. Anzalone felt that of the 13 items that would be cut, some of them are very visible, very valued items. Mrs. Anzalone recommended keeping GLP cafeteria renovations, HS toilet room renovations, EE auditorium renovations, HS choral room #128 and band room #129 renovations, EE tennis courts, gym floor finishing, and backboards.
- Proposition 2, #2 – GLP Cafeteria Renovations – Mr. Caruso stated that the GLP cafeteria has not been touched in a number of years. The scope of work would be to replace the floor, ceiling, and lighting and put in some type of a cloud system that you would have in an auditorium. He recommended painting and clean-up of the space to make it more of a primary school atmosphere and general meeting room with the appearance of using it as an auditorium. Mr. Breeden asked if the $300,000 would include asbestos abatement. Mr. Caruso stated that it would include asbestos work.

Capital Project information

- Proposition 2, #3 – Middle School/High School Toilet Room Renovations –Mr. Caruso stated that this is to renovate the six worst toilet rooms in the building, as defined by Mr. Martin. At the High School level, they are larger and more expensive. This will include the two toilet rooms at the athletic entrance, plus four more in the building.
- Proposition 2, #5 – Eden Elementary Auditorium Renovations – the ceiling and the HVAC duct work will be replaced. A scaffolding system will have to be built to replace the ceiling. New air-conditioning will be added to the space, as well as, electric power and lights for a new ceiling cloud system. The sound system will be replaced and upgraded. The dimming rack and theatrical lighting fixtures and the auditorium stage rigging system are also included.
- Proposition 2, #9 – High School Choral Room #128 and Band Room #129 Renovations – modest renovations to the existing music rooms to accommodate special needs, sound attenuation issues, visual emergency devices, upgrade the ventilation climate control system and the flooring.
- Proposition 2, #12 – Eden Elementary tennis courts, gym floor finish, backboards – the tennis courts will be resurfaced, so they will be usable by Physical Education classes for young students to be able to play on. The material to be used has not yet been determined.
- There was a discussion about turf field material and safety issues, parking, lighting, bathrooms, scoreboards, fencing, etc.
- Mrs. Anzalone asked Tom, Mike and Ryan to share what that means to the Board, because they inquired previously what we would lose if we came down to $7 million and what it would cost the taxpayers of the district if we were to raise it back up.
- Mr. Neumeister said if the dollar amount was increased to $8-9 million, it would cost the District about $5.00 per $100,000 for every million. He has been sharing some ideas on how to reallocate some of the budgetary costs to bring that number down, so it is not cost prohibitive to the taxpayers. He asked for guidance from the District for a suitable number for the tax impact, so they could possibly make those adjustments on the budgetary side. Mrs. Anzalone asked if the community could support a $34 tax impact per $100,000 on Proposition #2, knowing there is no tax impact on Proposition #1.
- Mr. Campbell and Mr. Shephard felt that the community and the Board would support $34 for $100,000 or right around there. Mr. Shephard felt that what the District would get for that amount would be substantial.
- Mr. Caruso explained that the SEQRA process could take about 85 days, so they are seeking direction from the Board of Education tonight. They would like the Board of Education to authorize a community referendum by October 15th. The day after that, a public information campaign would begin. The committees would be recalled to get the information out to the public. The referendum would be in December. Design and SED approval would take about 15 months. Approval would be anticipated for late winter 2017. Bids

would be in February or March 2017. Construction would hopefully start in May 2017. Mr. Neumeister stated that taxes would have to be levied in the first three years to cover the early costs, but they would be recouped over the life of the project with aid coming back to the District. The whole project would be cost minimal. Taxes related to this project would not go up until 2018.

Mr. Shephard made a motion, seconded by Mr. Campbell that the Board of Education goes to the $34 for $100,000 value mark with a total of $9.9 million on Proposition 2. Discussion ensued. Carried unanimously. **Approved Proposition #2**

- Mr. Caruso stated that the ceiling replacement is a byproduct of the construction process. The duct work and heating system must be changed. To do that, the ceiling must be removed. A new ceiling would have sound attenuation. If that is done, state of the art lighting that is very energy efficient will also be installed, hence the expense. Auditoriums of this size are easily $2 million renovations, but we have it in for $1.2 million. **Capital Project**

Mr. Shephard made a motion, seconded by Mr. Campbell that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following employees be approved to work summer hours as per the ETA contract: **Approved summer hours**

1. **Susan Schnaufer**, Staff Development Trainer - .1 FTE
2. **Joseph Weis**, School Psychologist – 60 hours
3. **Jennifer Carriero**, School Psychologist – 60 hours. Carried unanimously.

Mrs. Anzalone reported the following: **Supt. report**

- Mrs. Anzalone went on record to say that Colin Campbell was named in both The Best Lawyers in America and Super Lawyers. Only the top five percent of all PIP lawyers in the US achieve these honors. His firm was listed as one of the best law firms for 2015 in personal injury.

- Regular Board of Education Meeting – Wednesday, June 17, 2015 – 7:00 pm JSHS Library (change in venue). **Future dates**
- Re-organization and Regular Board of Education Meeting – Wednesday, July 1, 2015 – Jr./Sr. High School Cafeteria – 7:00 p.m.

At 8:17 p.m., Mr. Shephard made a motion, seconded by Mr. Campbell that the Board of Education enters Executive Session to discuss the employment history of a particular person. Carried unanimously. **Entered Executive session**

Respectfully submitted,

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Returned to regular session At 9:23 p.m., Mr. Byrnes made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shephard that the Board of Education returns to regular session. Carried unanimously.

Adjourned Mr. Byrnes made a motion, seconded by Mr. Breeden to adjourn. Carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 9:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Byrnes
Board President

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