



State Board of Education
CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE
June 3, 2013
Room 541– Cross State Office Building
MINUTES

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Martha Harris, Chair, and Peter Geiger (by phone)

OTHERS PRESENT:

Scott Brown, Director of School Facilities Services
Paul Johnson, School Facilities Services Consultant
Karen Bossie, Administrative Assistant, School Facilities Services
Gary MacDonald, Superintendent of Schools, RSU 72
Jay Robinson, Principal, Molly Ockett Middle School, RSU 72
William Hoffman, P.E., President, DeLuca Hoffman Associates, Inc.
Joseph Laverriere, Senior Engineer DeLuca-Hoffman Associates, Inc.
Nichi Farnham, Board Member, State Board of Education

CALL TO ORDER: 9:25 a.m.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES – March 4, 2013 - Approved as written

**SITE APPROVAL CONSIDERATION AND RECOMMENDATION – RSU 72 – Fryeburg,
Grades PreK-5 Elementary School Construction Project**

Fryeburg is the 5th facility on the current Approved Projects List. Superintendent Gary MacDonald requests that the State Board of Education approve a site in Fryeburg for an addition to the Molly Ockett Middle School to house grades Pre-K-5. The addition will house students from the Charles Snowe School in Fryeburg and possibly from the new Suncook School in Lovell, and the Brownfield Denmark School in Denmark. The RSU is currently evaluating the advantages of a possible consolidation of the district's three elementary schools. The School Unit has worked extensively over the last number of months doing analyses of the need and possible options.

Population in the 7 towns in RSU 72 over the last ten years has shown to be fairly steady. Public meetings have been had and the response has been overwhelmingly positive. Meetings with other local officials have also gone very well.

The school site is 37 acres in size and is located close to the village of Fryeburg. The site is composed of sandy soils and the topography has a very straight slope making it an excellent site for the development of fields, drives, and the school addition. The site is served by the public water system. Fryeburg does not have a municipal sewerage system so on site disposal will be necessary.

The site application with all supporting documentation is on file with the Department of Education.

Peter Geiger and Martha Harris agreed to approve this request and send it forward to the State Board of Education with a recommendation that it be approved.

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Discussion and Review of Chapter 60 – New School Siting Approval

Scott Brown, Director

Scott discussed with Martha, Peter and Nichi proposed changes put together in Chapter 60 based on recent discussions. The amendments being proposed are not urgent changes. It was noted that it might make the most sense to incorporate Chapter 60 into Chapter 61, State Board of Education Rules for Major Capital School Construction Projects, the next time Chapter 61 is opened for amendments. Peter Geiger and Martha Harris agreed to approve the proposed amendments as written but to not take any other action on the proposal for the time being.

Other Discussion

There have been discussions about the possibility of funding additional projects beyond the first six projects on the Approved Projects List. Peter urged Martha, as the Chair of the Construction Committee, to ask the Board to continue encouraging the Commissioner to authorize moving forward with additional projects.

There being no further business, the Committee adjourned at 10:30 a.m.