

School Facilities Study Committee

Organizational Meeting

Monday, August 9, 2021

5:00 p.m.

Present: Peter Filandia, Eileen Moynihan, David Murphy, Scott Nichol, Lou Pear, Meg Scata

Absent: Donna Finkelstein & Michael Hernandez

Others Present: Charles Britton (Superintendent of Schools), Carl Johnson (Director of Buildings & Grounds), Stephanie Fragola (Business Manager-Schools), Ryan Walstrom (Principal, Gildersleeve School)

1. First Selectwoman called the meeting to order - The First Selectwoman called the School Facilities Study Committee meeting to order at 5:11pm in the Buck-Foreman Community Room located at 265 Main Street, Portland, Connecticut.
2. The First Selectwoman discussed the committee's charge as described in the resolution.
3. Nominations – Scott Nichol nominated Lou Pear. Meg Scata seconded, and Lou Pear was elected Chairman by a unanimous vote. Motion to close the vote by Meg Scata, and Dave Murphy seconded. The meeting was then turned over to Lou Pear from Susan Bransfield.
4. Set Committee Meeting Dates – Lou Pear proposed the following dates for the next meetings. It was agreed by all that the meetings will be held at 7pm versus 5pm. The following dates were set: 9/13, 10/18, 11/8, 12/13, 1/10/22, 2/14/22, 3/14/22.
5. Review RFP for an Operations Project Manager (OPM) – Prior to writing the RFP, Charles Britton, Carl Johnson and Stephanie Fragola met with members of the Department of Administrative Services to tour the schools. Takeaways from those meetings are that Charles was very impressed with how receptive and generous they were with their time and willingness to help, and also that they are not interested in funding projects at a school that has less than 400 students. Valley View, Gildersleeve & Brownstone all have less than 400 students. Also renovate to new at an existing school is not an option. Discussion followed making sure the RFP is specific about the hours. Scott Nichol motioned that the committee accept, as amended per discussion, of the RFP specifications for the BOE to consider with moving forward with the study of this project and amended proposal. Eileen Moynihan seconded. All in favor, Lou Pear announced that the motion carries.
6. Charles Britton announced that the Portland Public Schools received \$800,000 as a 3 year grant and will earmark \$200,000 to support the work of this committee; he will use those funds for HVAC improvements in the schools. Discussion followed.
7. Public Comment – No public comments recorded.

8. Lou Pear requested from Carl Johnson to have the committee tour the school buildings. A date will be set for that at a later date. Discussion then followed in regards to the 2015 report and Net Zero Schools. Lou asked Carl to find out about a Net Zero school and how much the state will reimburse for a net zero school. Discussion followed.
9. Motion to adjourn by Meg Scata, seconded by Eileen Moynihan, meeting adjourned at 5:54pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Liz Paternostro, Recording Clerk