

**ELLINGTON BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Ad Hoc Facilities Committee**

March 30, 2011  
Minutes

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Ellington Board of Education Ad Hoc Facilities Committee was held on Wednesday, March 30, 2011 in the Administration Building. Committee Chairperson, Dan Keune, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present when the meeting was called to order were: Mr. Gary Blanchette, Mr. Dan Keune, Mrs. Tracey Kiff-Judson, Mr. Ronald Stomberg, Mrs. Cynthia Johnson, and Mrs. Melinda Stimac. Mr. Cullinan was also present. Mr. Hugh Pearson of Moser/Pilon/ Nelson Architects was also present.

- Introduction of New Committee Member

Melinda Stimac was introduced and welcomed as a new member of the committee. Melinda has a son, Aidan in grade two and a daughter, Annika in kindergarten at Crystal Lake School.

- Review of NESDEC Enrollment Projections

Mr. Cullinan reviewed the most recent enrollment projections provided by NESDEC on March 21, 2011. The results project an overall student increase in grades K-12 of 393 students by 2020-2021. This latest projection is heavily influenced by the very high number of reported births in 2008. The 2009 and 2010 figures are not available from the Connecticut Department of Public Health. Figures for Ellington births for the past decade through 2010 were obtained from the Town Clerk. NESDEC performed a mathematical variance between the town's and the state's statistics for the past decade which did decrease the projected enrollment.

- Update on Meeting with Town Planner

Mr. Cullinan met with the Town Planner on March 18, 2011. Rob Phillips reviewed possible public school age children yield for Center Village, Windermere Village, Deer Valley North, Autumn Chase V, and the Chapman Zone Change. He also reviewed the possible impact of a proposed change in density that will be considered by the Planning and Zoning Commission. Mr. Cullinan will share this information with Dr. Kennedy prior to next year's enrollment projection.

- Update on Meeting with Town Officials

Mr. Keune reported that he, Mrs. Kiff-Judson and Mr. Cullinan met with Mr. Maurice Blanchette, Mr. Clements and Mr. DiCorleto regarding possible next steps in the facilities process and to discuss possible referendum dates. Mr. Keune reported that town officials were cooperative and supportive. A January referendum appeared to best fit the timeline.

- Determine Next Tasks for Moser/Pilon

Hugh Pearson reviewed a number of tasks that would need to be completed. It was decided to have Mr. Pearson create a detailed scope of work with corresponding costs to present to the committee for consideration.

- Establish Next Tasks With Timelines

It was decided that the timeline will be developed upon review of Mr. Pearson's proposal.

- Old Business

There was no old business.

- New Business

There was no new business.

The committee scheduled its next meeting for April 14, 2011.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel C. Keune  
Chair

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