

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Ellington, Connecticut

Operations Committee Meeting Minutes

The Operations Committee of the Ellington Board of Education met on Tuesday, January 6, 2016 in the School Administration Building located at 47 Main Street, Ellington, CT.

Attendees:

Board of Education Committee Members: Mrs. Hayes, Ms. Socha and Mr. Purcaro.

Administrative Team Members: Dr. Scott Nicol, Ms. Meg Devlin, and Mr. Rob Butler.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM by Mr. Purcaro.

Agenda Items:

I. Continue Discussion on Solar Panel Project

- The group discussed the December 17 meeting in which the school administration engaged the First Selectman, the town's attorney, and other town administration regarding the process of approval and the legalities of the proposed purchasing agreement.
- The group further discussed the town approval process. The process has five parts with each contingent upon one another:
 - 1) Superintendent presents to Board of Selectmen on January 11 with the BOS determining whether or not to support proposal by authorizing a 8-24 referral to Planning & Zoning.
 - 2) Operations Committee and Superintendent report to Board of Education at the January 20 BOE meeting with possible vote on solar panel project.
 - 3) At the January 25 meeting Planning and Zoning vote on proposed solar panel project.
 - 4) At the February 8 Board of Selectmen meeting, BOS sets Town Meeting date.
 - 5) Proposed solar panel project voted on at Town Meeting (date - TBD).
- A motion was made to recommend to the Board of Education the approval of the solar panel project at Crystal Lake, Center and Ellington Middle Schools contingent upon the town process proceeding as discussed.

1st. K. Socha

2nd. A. Hayes

VOTE: Unanimous. The motion passed.

II. Discussion of Windermere and Crystal Lake Contingency List

- The group discussed the prioritization of both build project contingency lists.

- The group was reminded that the Permanent Building Committee is the body that approves any spending of the building project funds.
- The group was reminded that monies spent for the building project are regularly approved by the PBC without prior notice to the Board of Education.
- The group was informed that the recommendations of the Board of Education to the PBC are highly considered when approving spending requests.
- The group moved the air conditioning of Crystal Lake gym as a higher priority.
- The group moved technology items at Windermere to a higher priority.
- The group requested more information on the media player and its ability to be used for student performances.
- One committee member suggested the concept of parents purchasing chrome books as opposed to the school district. The group felt this was a complicated matter and would require much further discussion and thought.
- A motion was made to recommend to the Board of Education to recommend to the Permanent Building Committee the reprioritized contingency lists.

1st. K. Socha

2nd. A. Hayes

VOTE: Unanimous. The motion passed.

Old Business

- None.

New Business

- None.

Next Meeting and Adjournment

- The next committee meeting is to be determined.
- A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:46 PM.

1st. A. Hayes

2nd. K. Socha

Minutes submitted by: _____
 Michael J. Purcaro, Operations Committee Chairperson