

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
June 5, 2018**

A special meeting of the Enfield Board of Education was held at Thomas G. Alcorn in the Professional Development Library located at 1010 Enfield Street, Enfield, CT on June 5, 2017.

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Chairman Kruzel.
2. **FIRE EVACUATION ANNOUNCEMENT:** Walter Kruzel announced the fire evacuation announcement.
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Walter Kruzel
4. **ROLL CALL:**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rich Regnier, Ashley Depeau, Chris Rutledge, Charlotte Riley, Tim Neville and Walter Kruzel

MEMBERS ABSENT: Tina LeBlanc, Sarah Hernandez and Scott Ryder

ALSO PRESENT: Mr. Christopher Drezek, Superintendent and Mr. Andy Longey, Assistant Superintendent

Mr. Neville stated that Mr. Ryder is away on business and wished that he could be present for this meeting. He would also participate remotely, if the Board needed him to do so.

5. **SPECIAL GUEST – JOINT FACILITIES COMMITTEE AND JCJ REGARDING INFORMATION FOR THE JFK PRE-REF PROJECT:**

Chairman Kruzel welcomed Jim Hoagland, JCJ Architecture; Chris Cykley, CSG and Randy Daigle, TC/BOE Joint Facilities Elector to tonight's meeting.

Mr. Daigle stated we presented this information to the Town Council last night. We reviewed the process for the JFK project.

Mr. Hoagland reviewed the project process, proposed programs and proposed renovations. The JFK project is being classified as Renovate as New. Mr. Daigle added Renovate as New allows for certain areas to be eligible for reimbursement from the State.

Mr. Hoagland reviewed the proposed JFK site renovation. Mr. Daigle added by moving the athletic fields in a different direction, we can address handicap accessibility. The athletic fields will be designed as multi-use fields.

Mr. Hoagland reviewed the proposed floor plans. Mr. Daigle added each room was placed for a special reason in each location.

Mr. Neville added we used a junior high design for grouping areas together like chorus and band. This design works. Having two stories can deal with a two-team concept on each floor in each wing. We now have resource rooms on each floor with the proposed new design.

Mr. Hoagland reviewed the proposed changes for the pool area and the old cafeteria.

Mr. Daigle reviewed the safe parent drop-off/pick-up area. Mr. Neville added this new design

change is safer for parents and students.

Mr. Hoagland reviewed the proposed new hub area. He also reviewed the proposed new cafeteria and kitchen areas.

Mr. Daigle stated security was a priority with the new design at JFK. You can have events in the auditorium and gymnasium now and we can lock the entrances to the rest of the school. This is a very thought-out plan.

Mr. Neville stated the tennis courts were taken out. If we made any changes to the tennis court and pool areas, they were not reimbursable from the State. We wanted to reduce the overall cost of the project as much as we could.

Mr. Hoagland reviewed the proposed new world language wing. Mr. Daigle added we reworked the rooms, so they would be reimbursable.

Mr. Hoagland stated the boiler room and electrical room will remain in the same locations. The boilers will be replaced.

Mr. Hoagland reviewed the transformational spaces for the cafeteria, computer rooms, science labs and hallways. The rooms are designed to meet many different needs. Mr. Daigle added the designs open the spaces and areas up. The ceilings will be higher and will have less of an institutional design.

Mr. Cykley reviewed the preliminary project budget estimate. The total project cost is \$84,373,294. The State will cover 70.71 % of the cost of the project or \$57,215,411. The town will be responsible for \$27,157,883. We will meet with the State on Wednesday, June 6th. The deadline to submit this plan with the State is June 30th. We will start the process on July 1st.

Mr. Daigle stated we have reduced the project cost from the last proposal. Mr. Cykley stated we revised the educational specifications in March. This layout includes everything from before.

Mr. Neville added the pool has been removed. Mr. Cykley added the auditorium was removed and the space will be reused. We have made changes throughout this process. We cannot touch the media center due to the age of this addition at JFK. If we made any changes, they would not be reimbursable from the State.

Mr. Daigle stated ADA repairs would cost us around \$35-37 million and would not be fully reimbursable. Repairs would still need to be made at JFK. If this referendum passes, we will have a state of the art middle school. People will come to Enfield because of this.

Mr. Neville stated we are trying to deal with this as quickly as we can and are being as open as we can about the process just like the partial roof replacement at Henry Barnard.

Mrs. Riley stated the FF&E will cover purchasing computers.

Mr. Regnier stated the proposal last time was great. He is even more excited about this proposal. The feel of the building is amazing! Having the assistant principals in the hubs will give an additional safety factor to the building. Kudos on the design and the price point for this project. This was a great presentation.

Mr. Neville stated this is what he has wanted us to do at JFK for a long time. Mr. Kruzel added he can see Mr. Neville coming out of retirement once this is done.

Mr. Regnier stated this is what the public will vote on. Seeing the nice pictures is something the public needs to see at the voting sites. This information is important, so the price tag is not so scary.

Mr. Daigle stated a Pac (political action committee) will be formed. That is when the public will be informed about this project. The last time we tried to do this, the support and information was not there. The public did not know what they were voting on.

Mr. Neville stated we listened to the voters and made changes based on the comments we received. We have kept the costs down. The design will make the school function better.

Mr. Daigle stated we have met with the superintendent about what was needed at JFK. The floor plan design was based on program needs.

Mrs. Depeau stated by showing comparison of the costs from other project, it may help for people to understand better. There are people who still think tearing down a building is a better option.

Mr. Cykley stated if you tear down a building, you will reduce your reimbursement rates from the State.

Mr. Daigle stated we held several Q&A discussions for the high school. We will do the same thing for JFK.

Chairman Kruzel thanked them for the information and the presentation.

6. ACTION IF ANY, REGARDING THE EDUCATIONAL SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE HENRY BARNARD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PARTIAL ROOF REPLACEMENT PROJECT

Mr. Neville moved, seconded by Mrs. Riley that the Enfield Board of Education approved the educational specifications for the Henry Barnard Elementary School partial roof replacement project as presented.

A vote by **show-of-hands 6-0-0** passed unanimously.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Regnier moved, seconded by Mr. Neville to adjourn the Special Meeting of June 5, 2018.

All ayes, motion passed unanimously.

Meeting stood adjourned at 7:00 PM.

Tina LeBlanc
Secretary
Board of Education

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathy Zalucki, Recording Secretary