

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE WOODSTOWN-PILESGROVE BOARD OF EDUCATION HELD ON THURSDAY EVENING, MARCH 22, 2007 AT THE WOODSTOWN HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM, AT 7:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER Mr. Baum, President, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

FLAG SALUTE Mr. Baum then led the group in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Mr. Baum, President, read the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law. Notice of this meeting was published by having the date, time, and place thereof posted in the Today's Sunbeam, Elmer Times, Borough of Woodstown Municipal Hall, Township of Pilesgrove Municipal Hall, general offices and faculty rooms of the district's three schools, the school district's central office, and with the Borough of Woodstown Clerk and the Township of Pilesgrove Clerk.

ROLL CALL The following members answered roll call: Mrs. Bailey, Mrs. Merriel, Mrs. Miller, Mr. Morris, Mr. Painter, Mr. Rey, Mr. Vail, Mr. Frazier, and Mr. Baum. Mr. Crouch arrived at 7:05 p.m.

Members absent: Mr. Mortimer

Also in attendance: Mr. Robert Bumpus – Superintendent of Schools and Christopher J. Russo – School Business Administrator/Board Secretary.

NEW BUSINESS FACILITIES TASK FORCE PRESENTATION

Mr. Baum reviewed the challenge initially presented to the task force.

Task Force presenter Mrs. Debbie Duffield, introduced herself along with fellow presenters Mr. John Read and Mr. George Sparks.

Aided with a PowerPoint presentation, Mrs. Duffield presented the Problem Statement, Required Final Product and Conclusion of 7 Months of Work. (see page 74 through 76)

Mr. Sparks presented The "4-8" Plan (see page 77 through 81)

Mr. Read presented The "5-8" Plan, The Bottom Line, Project Phasing, General Recommendations from Committee, and Referendum Recommendations. (see page 82 through 90)

Mr. Baum then opened the floor for Board members to ask the Task Force Committee questions concerning the presentation. Some of the questions asked by the Board members are as follows:

- Who do you have in mind to sell the referendum?
- Where is the cafeteria located in both Mary Shoemaker plans?
- Did you consider where to move high school students during renovation?
- Is district office included in plans?
- Any thought to renting classroom space?

Mr. Baum then opened the floor to the public. Some of the questions and comments from the public are as follows:

- Thanked the Task Force for all their hard work and dedication.
- Appreciates performing arts and hopes they get the facilities they deserve.
- The 1st referendum should have been broken into parts and feels athletic fields should be a part of renovations.
- Is this an all or nothing proposal?
- The 1st referendum was sold as middle school needed to be torn down. Is the middle school in disrepair?
- Capacity is close to being maxed out at Mary Shoemaker school. Is consideration being given to all schools concerning space?

Mr. Baum thanked the Task Force committee and all others who participated in the process for their time and dedication to the charge.

ADJOURNMENT There being no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christopher J. Russo
School Business Administrator/
Board Secretary

Approved by Motion of the Board

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_____ Signature/BA