

8/11/2008 Special Meeting of the Board of Education of the Berlin Central School District, held at the Berlin Elementary School

Present: Frank Zwack, Julie Darling, Donald French, Elizabeth Miller, Thomas Morelli, Jeffrey Paine, Beverly Stewart

Absent: No one

Also Present: Charlotte Gregory, Cathie Allain, Michelle Colvin, Cyril Grant, Scott Hunter, Eileen Leffler, Jennifer Morris

Guests included: Doug Dickinson, Dan Woodside, Cliff Stevens from Lewis Engineering

President Zwack convened the meeting at 6:34 PM with all seven board members present.

Dan Woodside and Doug Dickinson presented up-dated information on the proposed building project that included:

- A re-cap of the plan from the last meeting
- A meeting with the State Education Department should take place within next couple of weeks
- Roofing suggestions for the new construction portion – sloped or flat
- Roofing materials
- Drainage
- Windows

Topics of discussions and a question and answer period included:

- Sinks/toilets in the classrooms
- Alternative energy systems – Cliff Stevens presented information on chip burning systems – would add \$1.5 million to the total project – research shows a 16 year payback period – One school in New York State has this type of system - SED is watching this closely – Federal money is available; needs to be researched more
- Courtyard space – possible ideas for this space
- Timeline for consolidation of schools
- Splitting out the bidding
- Financial streaming – spread costs out so not to pay all at once – set the range from 3-5 years
- Placement of the District Offices and work for the Transportation Department
- Possibility of shared services with towns – renting spaces from the towns for District Offices
- Providing an Alternative Education Program at the SES – New Lebanon and Hoosick Falls interested – becomes a revenue stream

The architects were asked to break out the project into sections – starting with the new construction areas and ADA compliances – estimate a cost and build a timeline – bring it to the August 18 meeting.

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Board members and Architects agreed to a walk-through of the Bus Garage and BES buildings – to be done early in September.

Calendar of Meetings

Tuesday, August 19, 2008 – Regular Meeting – Jr/Sr High School – 6:30PM

Monday, August 25, 2008 – Board Retreat – Stephentown Fire Hall – 8:00AM

The meeting was adjourned at 9:12 PM on motion of Liz Miller, second by Donald French.

Mary M. Grant, District Clerk