

SOUTHINGTON BOARD OF EDUCATION

SOUTHINGTON, CONNECTICUT

REGULAR MEETING

OCTOBER 11, 2012

The regular meeting of the Southington Board of Education was held on Thursday, October 11, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. in the Southington Town Council Chambers, 75 Main Street, Southington, Connecticut.

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR SEA CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS AND SCHOOL SAFETY

An Executive Session meeting was held 6:36 p.m. through 7:15 p.m. (*Minutes attached*).

3. BOARD RECOGNITIONS

The Celebration of Excellence was held from 7:20 to 7:28 p.m. in honor of the Girls Varsity Volleyball team who were recognized for receiving the American Volleyball Coaches Association Team Academic Award for the 2011-2012 academic year. The following team members were presented with Certificates of Excellence by Board Chairperson, Brian Goralski: Cyndy Woolley, Corinne Horanzy, Danielle Kaminsky, Jordyn Moquin, Sara Malicka, Samantha Vitale, Kaylee Kolodziejczyk, Allison McCormick, Kayla Padroff and Erin Reilly. Refreshments followed.

4. RECONVENE MEETING ~ REGULAR SESSION

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 p.m. by Chairperson, Mr. Brian Goralski. Board members present were Mrs. Terri Carmody, Mr. David Derynoski, Mrs. Terry Lombardi, Mrs. Patricia Johnson, Mrs. Jill Notar-Francesco, Mrs. Patricia Queen and Mr. Zaya Oshana. Absent was Mrs. Colleen Clark.

Present from the administration were Dr. Joseph Erardi, Jr., Superintendent of Schools; Mrs. Karen Smith, Assistant Superintendent; Mrs. Sherri DiNello, Director of Business and Finance; Mr. Frederick Cox, Director of Operations, and Dr. Perri Murdica, Senior Special Education Coordinator.

Student Representatives present were Miss Whitney DiMeo and Miss Abigail Harris.

There were approximately 13 individuals in the audience.

5. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The student representatives led the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: by Mrs. Notar-Francesco, seconded by Mr. Derynoski:

“Move to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of September 27, 2012.”

Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

7. COMMUNICATIONS

a. Communications from Audience

Arthur Cyr, 103 Berlin Avenue: Mr. Cyr gave an update on “free money.” He noted that the Chamber of Commerce mailed a packet to their 595 members that included a notice about “free money” with instructions how to access websites to sign-up. The Record-Journal, Southington Citizen and The Observer ran articles in their newspapers giving coverage to the “free money” initiative. He thanked the Board for their participation in bringing this initiative to their schools.

Mr. Cyr stated that he would like to read six months of Board minutes from June 1980 to October 1980 when the Board of Education at that time discussed the 5,000 gallon oil spill behind DePaolo Middle School. He asked for a phone call when they are available for him to read. Mr. Goralski instructed Mr. Cyr to send an e-mail to Dr. Erardi with the request.

Mr. Cyr noted that he read some online comments regarding the PCBs at the middle schools by people stating conspiracy theories and a cover-up about what happened 32 years ago. He knows that the Town of Southington and the Board of Education are not covering up any problems regarding the oil spill or the PCBs in the window caulking. He requested that in conjunction with the town that the Board of Education and staff contact other towns currently going through renovations to see if they can get the DEEP and EPA to lighten up to where it is not going to cost Southington \$2 million per school.

Lakshmi Frechette, 28 Castleman Drive: Ms. Frechette stated that she is the mother of five children and a state certified educator, a former Southington elementary school teacher and a Southington resident and taxpayer. She spoke on behalf of the children and to raise awareness and seek Board support to maintain the half-day Kindergarten program. She wanted answers to the compelling reason(s) for changing a program, which continues to thrive and produce great academic gains, from half-day to full-day. Her intention was to express the need to work together to find common ground and preserve choice for parents and their children. She had several concerns about where the \$1 million to \$3 million is coming from to fund the All-Day Kindergarten program. She planned to get the dollar-to-dollar expenditure on this subject. She noted that many supporters of half-day Kindergarten would like to see the administration address the curriculum instead of being part of the downfall by ignoring the causes of the problem and

diverting attention away from what most needs fixing which is the effectiveness of the curriculum.

b. Communications from Board Members and Administration

Communication from the Board Members:

MOTION: by Mrs. Carmody, seconded by Mrs. Notar-Francesco”

“Move to move Agenda Item 11.a, Out of State Field Trip Approval, to Agenda Item 7.d.”

Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Mr. Derynoski reported that he attended his first PTO meeting at Plantsville Elementary School and they discussed the “free money” initiative by Mr. Cyr. It was well received and the PTO is actively participating in getting the parents to sign-up.

Mr. Goralski noted that the Board was invited to attend the grand opening of the medical drop box at police headquarters. It is collaboration between STEPS, the police department and the water department through the direction of John Dobbins and Steve Pestillo. It is a permanent box for residents of Southington to remove and deposit medications from their medicine cabinets.

Mr. Goralski announced that the Music of the Knight will be held on October 27 at Fontana Field and hoped that the turf project would be completed by that time. He also noted that the Soccer Booster Club held a fundraising event that raised over \$4,600 in one day for the Wounded Warrior Project.

Communication from Administration:

Dr. Erardi discussed the following:

1. Wall of Honor – Southington High School: Dr. Erardi reported that, through the work and vision of Mr. Bob Brown, the Wall of Honor was implemented six years ago. This year, Dennis Pratt, Kay and Joe Calvanese, and Dr. Mary Jane Williams were added to the Wall of Honor.
2. Red Ribbon Rally – Town Green: Dr. Erardi reported that this annual event will take place on Monday, October 15 at 6:00 p.m.
3. State Recognition – Southington High School: Dr. Erardi reported that for the second year the Pre-Engineering and Technology program was recognized as the finest technology program in the state of Connecticut. He noted that Justin Mirante was a key player in this happening along with the students and the support of the administration.

c. Communications from Student Board Representatives

Miss Harris reported:

- She attended the soccer game dedicated to the Wounded Warrior Project and recorded it for her cinematography class. She interviewed some of the players who were very proud of the project.
- The PSATs will be held on October 17 for the sophomores and juniors.

Miss DiMeo reported:

- On October 17, while the sophomores and juniors are taking the PSATs, the seniors will be going outside to take their yearly photo. During this time, the seniors will have a chance to discuss college campus safety and there will be an overview on the blue light system used at most campuses for safety purposes.
- Through Naviance, students have the opportunity to get internships while they are still in high school. She knows of someone who got an internship her senior year and was still affiliated with that company for engineering.
- Unity Day was held on October 10th with people wearing orange to spread awareness about bullying.
- She noted that the students were enthusiastic to see the work activity on the turf field and seeing it all come together.

d. Out of State Field Trip Approval (formerly Agenda 11.a)

Ms. Marisa Calvi-Rogers explained the request for the out of state field trip for the Southington High School DECA members. Every year at this time, she takes the DECA officers and some members to the North Atlantic Regional Conference. There was a conflict this year and when she looked at this particular conference opportunity [Leadership Development Conference] in New York City, the class benefit analysis indicated that this field trip was much more beneficial. The students will leave on a Wednesday night after school and they will be out of school on Thursday and Friday. She explained what the field trip and conference entailed.

Mrs. Notar-Francesco thanked Ms. Calvi-Rogers for doing this for the students and for the experience. She asked if the deadline was missed for applying for this. Ms. Calvi-Rogers replied that she has it on hold with her credit card.

MOTION: by Mr. Derynoski, seconded by Mrs. Notar-Francesco:

“Move that the Board of Education approves the field trip for the Southington High School DECA members to attend the Leadership Conference in New York, as presented.”

Mr. Derynoski noted that on the field trip application form the box was not checked indicating she met with the school nurse to address student health needs. He recommended that Ms. Calvi-Rogers consult with the school nurse. Ms. Calvi-Rogers responded that she has field trip permission slips that she distributes for medical permission. Mrs. Smith interjected that she had the same question about other forms that have come before her without that box checked off and she was told that the groups wait for approval by the Board and then meet with the nurse the next morning. She sees the final form checked off. Mr. Derynoski questioned if they were going

by train or by bus because on the form it indicated both. Ms. Calvi-Rogers replied that they were taking the train out of New Haven.

Dr. Erardi added that it is understood that there is no financial obligation to the Board of Education if this trip is delayed or they are unable to attend because of weather.

Mrs. Johnson asked how the students were raising the \$650 for each person. Ms. Calvi-Rogers replied that many of the students had to agree to be able to pay for the cost out of pocket, but they are also planning fundraisers with the first one in November at Moe's. Whatever money they raise will offset the expenses. The students agreed to go with the understanding that they can afford to pay the full amount if they have to.

Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

8. REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

a. Personnel Report

MOTION: by Mr. Derynoski, seconded by Mrs. Carmody:

“Move to approve the Personnel Report, as submitted.”

Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Finance Committee Meeting ~ October 9, 2012

a. Transfer of Funds

MOTION: by Mrs. Notar-Francesco, seconded by Mr. Derynoski:

“Move to approve the Transfer of Funds, as submitted.”

Mrs. DiNello stated that as part of the budget process, last year they added a new line item into the budget for content area literacy support, which is an opportunity to build up the classroom libraries for student literature. There was work done with the literacy specialists, along with the coordinator of language arts, to determine the needs for each of those classrooms. They hoped to use funding at the end of the year to purchase those books; however, they did not have the funds left at the end of the year. The building principals supported the need for those books. If they wanted to transfer money within their current line items this school year, they were encouraged to in order to fund the appropriate needs at their school.

Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

b. Bid Award – BID #2012-BID-16 – Snow Removal & Sanding (DePaolo, Plantsville, Flanders)

MOTION: by Mrs. Notar-Francesco, seconded by Mrs. Carmody:

“Move to award Bid #2012-BID-16, Snow Removal and Sanding for DePaolo, Plantsville and Flanders Schools, as presented.”

Mrs. Notar-Francesco clarified that, although T&A Maintenance was low bidder on two of the sites, they already had three sites within the district and were not comfortable taking on additional buildings. The committee then moved to the next low bidder. Upon hearing the information that was related to the new clause that the Board added to the bid document, the committee endorsed the administration’s recommendation of Evergreen Nursery for Plantsville School for one year, Green Meadow Landscaping for DePaolo Middle School for two years (due to the upcoming construction), and Schmidt Lawncare for three years at Flanders Elementary School.

Mrs. DiNello explained that Mr. Goodwin followed up with Mr. Cox on whether or not the Finance Committee should award a three-year bid for DePaolo knowing that those parking lots would be under construction during that time period. She stated that Mr. Cox was comfortable with awarding a three-year bid. With past construction projects, they have always worked with the construction management company regarding the responsibility level if there is additional square footage and they had been reimbursed. She noted that Mr. Cox was comfortable moving forward with a three-year award at DePaolo Middle School to Green Meadow Landscaping.

Mrs. Johnson did not think it was fair to the other vendors to change the contract from two years to three years without giving everyone the opportunity to bid on it for three years. She asked how it was presented to the vendors. Mrs. DiNello explained that the bid was actually a three-year bid. Everyone submitted bids for three years with the exception of Evergreen Nursery at Plantsville School, who submitted a one-year bid. The committee originally planned to do a three-year award, but questioned awarding a three-year bid at DePaolo Middle School during construction; therefore, the committee considered awarding it only for two years. However, Mr. Cox has confirmed that he was comfortable with a three-year award.

Mr. Oshana pointed out that a couple of meetings ago the Board had a discussion about some language that they wanted to add to the boilerplate legal language on the bids. The process was that it would go to the Finance Committee who would vet that language and bring it to the Board for the full Board to look at and decide if that was the direction to go in. He asked that the Board move forward with that process. He noted the language that was in the bid was not language that was actually reviewed by the committee or the full Board. Mrs. Notar-Francesco replied that she would put it on the next Finance Committee agenda.

Mr. Oshana noted that questions were raised on each of the vendors who came forward in this particular bid process. They were, “How many years have you been doing business as...?” “If less than five years, have you done business under any other name?” “Have you had any legal actions against you in the past five years under any other name listed above?” “Have you had any Workers’ Compensation claims in the past five years?” “Have you had any personal or property claims against your firm in the past two years and, if so, what was the resolution?” Mr. Oshana did not think that the two-year look back on the legal issue was adequate. There may be statute of limitation issues in how long it takes that you can file a claim. If you look at when the

last snowstorm took place and project forward two years, there is a gap of time where you don't know what is happening. There may be a case out there that the Board does not know about. He was in favor of going five years across the board on all of these. He also thought they should know if there were any legal actions that any of these vendors incurred while performing work in and/or for the town of Southington, regardless of when. He thought that the plowing bids that were received at the last committee meeting should be revisited because there are some lawsuits that they need to look at. He thought that there was a verbal or written communication from principals to administration if there was anything that was subpar. He felt that the Board needed to take that into account. If they do annual checks on the performance of companies that they contract with, they have to know why there have been issues in the past, what were the issues they may have had in the town of Southington, when did they take place, and what were the results. He understood that in the case that took place in Southington there were several members of the town that were deposed in that case. He thought that it was the Board's responsibility to provide a safe environment for the students and staff at every facility. Mr. Oshana felt that this language and these changes should go forward in all town of Southington bids, not just for the Board of Education. His preference would be to vote on these particular pieces individually. He would like to see some of the changes take place in the legal language going forward and that the Board looks at this bid and revisits this bid tonight.

Mrs. DiNello explained that they have an assessment questionnaire that is completed by the building principal or school representative after each storm or sanding event and that it was not an annual assessment. In the minutes of the Finance Committee, she had raised questions as far as how the administration was to use the language that is in the new bid and how they are going to be asked to report back out to the committee. As an administrative team, they are struggling about how they implement the language that was currently suggested and following up with the questionnaire. She did get some feedback regarding the two year versus five years. She stated that the Town Attorney had recommended the two years because of the statute of limitations; however, he said if it was the Board's preference to change it to five years, it was within the Board's rights. If they are only asking questions of the low vendor and once they get that information, administration was struggling with how they determine what a risk assessment is based on those answers. She stated that the administration shared these concerns with the committee who wanted administration to ask the questions and then share the results with the committee so they could make an informed decision.

Mr. Derynoski thought that it was very important to look at this, but he thought anybody who submits a bid to the RFQ has to show proof of insurance, bonds, and that they are licensed in the state of Connecticut to do business. Mrs. DiNello replied that is standard language in the bids. Mr. Derynoski felt that at this point they are up against time because it is October and they need to get things in place. Mrs. DiNello pointed out that she was not present at the August meeting when the actual bid document was approved. Her understanding was that the language was added into that document due to timing and knowing last year they had a very large October snowstorm and the contract that was in place with vendors at that time began on November 1st. It has been changed so that the school system is covered for the entire snow period.

Mr. Oshana agreed that timing was very important and they want to make sure they have the plowing companies in place. He would not put timing ahead of the safety of the students or staff, which is paramount.

Mrs. Notar-Francesco agreed that safety is absolutely always the first concern. She did not think any Board member would dispute that. She asked administration how they would rate all of these vendors based on their performance assessment over the last few years. Mr. Cox replied that an evaluation is done with the head custodian and the principal following any major event or snowstorm. Last year, there were not too many of those so there are not many evaluations to look at. The year before, when the bids came in, he sat down with Mr. Goodwin and they looked at the cost and how many sites the vendors had, and what their record and history had been. They have disqualified vendors in the past for poor or unsafe practices in the school district. Many years ago, they allowed vendors to have as many as eight building sites and they have reduced that to four at the most, but they try to keep it at three sites.

Mrs. Lombardi stated that she was new to this Board and that, as a member of the Finance Committee, she would like to bring some facts forward about this situation. She stated that they have fiscal responsibilities, due diligence responsibilities, and they need to look at things and get the best information so that they make the best decisions. She asked why these things were being brought up by Mr. Oshana after the Finance Committee meeting when they have been working on this for a couple of months. She felt that she did not get all of the information presented in order for her to make a full risk assessment. This process started as a RFP process, not in the efforts of safety. She stated that the Board does everything for the students regarding safety. She wanted to put these facts forward. She is fully responsible and accountable for every decision that the Board makes; she can only make the decision if the information is given to her and not through an email this morning with all of these points laid out. She did not have any information even after requesting it and did not get it until now. She felt that process is not the process that the Board needs to work under in order to make proper decisions.

Mrs. Carmody felt that if the administration is recommending these vendors, then she has to trust that they are giving the Board the best information that they can. She does not serve on the Finance Committee and did not understand the problem here. The Board either votes on these bids, or they don't. Mrs. Lombardi thought what the broader picture was whether there was information that the Board was missing. Is the Board comfortable in making this decision based on the information that they have?

Mr. Oshana was not aware of particular vendors that were coming before the Board until now. He stated that after he reviewed it at the Finance Committee meeting he commented that he was not sure what he was going to do and that he might abstain; he needed to review it and did more research afterwards and last night, which is why the information came out when it did. He thought it was also important to know if there were any complaints from the school principals filed against any of these vendors. Mrs. DiNello replied that she did not get involved in the day-to-day snowplowing issues because Mr. Goodwin's office takes responsibility for the follow-up after each storm. Prior to putting together the bid award document, he consults with Mr. Cox regarding the previous year's service and whether they are comfortable with the awards. Mrs. DiNello explained that based on Mr. Oshana's e-mail today she researched further to be better aware of it and went back three years to review the surveys because they had a couple of very unusual winters. Last winter, besides the October snowstorm, there was very little to evaluate in the surveys. The winter before that there was so much snow and they had the December blizzard that resulted in issues at many of the schools because there were very few places left to put the snow. They had to ask the vendors to come back to do additional clean-up after the initial

plowing to get students into schools. They would come back at night to do additional clean-up and sanding to make the sites even safer. Because of the two unusual winters, she went back a third year and was very pleased with all the follow-up on the surveys for the vendors regarding the services that they provided.

Mrs. Lombardi explained that the Finance Committee went through the four questions and the results of that data were that all of these vendors had 15, 20 and 50 years of experience. There were no legal claims against them except one that had a slip and fall in 2010, which was resolved. There were no Workers' Compensation claims within the past two years and that was the data that the committee had. Mrs. DiNello clarified that one of the vendors had a number of minor Workers' Compensation claims.

Mrs. Queen wanted to confirm with administration that they felt these vendors do not present safety concerns to students and staff from the information available to them at this time. Mr. Cox pointed out that he personally visits each site with the Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds following the first storm and that they contact the vendors directly to make any corrections, along with Mr. Goodwin's evaluation form. If there is an experience that they don't particularly care for during the first storm, then they are there personally during the second storm until such time as they are satisfied.

Mrs. Carmody asked Mr. Cox if at any time he felt that a school had not been properly plowed and that it was not taken care of. Mr. Cox replied that, when they are not fully satisfied, they have removed contractors during the middle of the season.

Mr. Goralski clarified that safety is based on the community as a whole because the buildings are used by the public, not just by students and staff. He was confident that they always aim for public safety as their standard. He stated that the Board has sub-committees to work through changes and the details. He advised all Board members to do their work in their committees so they would not have these lengthy discussions at the Board meetings. He thought it was their obligation to attend committee meetings and to present the facts in those meetings. However, he acquiesced that sometimes those facts come to them late as the case this evening. He pointed out that at Board meetings they are making the fiduciary decisions of awarding a bid, not so much the understanding and interpreting. He was confident they will come to regularity with the new bid language moving forward in the next bid document.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YES – Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Lombardi, Mrs. Notar-Francesco, Mrs. Queen, Mrs. Carmody, Mr. Derynoski, Mr. Goralski. NO – Mr. Oshana. **Motion carried with seven in favor and one against.**

c. ASTE Grant Update

MOTION: by Mrs. Notar-Francesco, seconded by Mr. Derynoski:

“Move to approve the spending plan for the appropriation of \$64,300 requested from the Town for the additional ASTE Grant revenue.”

Mrs. Notar-Francesco explained that the Town received the additional \$64,300 in ASTE Grant revenue and that these funds are to be requested back as an appropriation for use solely

within the VOAG program because it is VOAG money. A letter from the Board Chair had been sent to the Town to request the appropriation.

Mr. Goralski noted that he and Mrs. DiNello will be attending the Board of Finance meeting on October 17 to address this appropriation request because this was something new due to changes in grant procedures from the state.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YES – Mrs. Lombardi, Mrs. Notar-Francesco, Mr. Oshana, Mrs. Queen, Mrs. Carmody, Mr. Derynoski, Mrs. Johnson, Mr. Goralski. **Motion carried unanimously.**

10. OLD BUSINESS

a. Town Government Communications

Mr. Goralski stated that at the October 17 Board of Finance meeting there will be two items on the agenda, the appropriation for the ASTE Grant and the typical appropriations for rentals and other fees.

b. Construction Update

Mr. Cox reported that the casework was installed and completed on Tuesday in the Public Assembly Room at the Municipal Center. The finishing touches for the electrical work were done today and the carpeting was installed. Furniture is scheduled to be delivered next week. The Board will hold their first meeting in the Assembly Room on November 8, 2012.

Mr. Cox reported that over the long Columbus Day weekend the Building Committee had Hygenix take approximately 250 samples throughout DePaolo and Kennedy Middle Schools on the interior and exterior to get a better composition of exactly what is there and how far it was within the buildings membranes. The lab picked up the information and samples on Tuesday and it will be another week or so before the actual report is given to the Building Committee. He stated that Newfield Construction continues to work on Fletcher Thompson's design documents and putting together values for an estimate to be presented to the Building Committee toward the end of the month. Today, with the new state requirement for high performance buildings, they had their second meeting as to what they plan to include in the building as far as making it high efficient.

Dr. Erardi stated that a public forum was held a few weeks ago to address the hazardous materials that had been located at DePaolo and Kennedy Middle Schools. In particular, they spoke about the PCBs and there were questions from the audience about the other buildings. Dr. Erardi stated that the administration strongly endorses to stay proactive and in front of the three oldest buildings to ensure students and staff of their safety. Dr. Erardi emphasized that there is absolutely no hidden agenda with this. He recommended air quality testing for PCBs at Derynoski, Flanders and Kelley Elementary Schools at a cost of approximately \$13,000.

MOTION: by Mr. Derynoski, seconded by Mrs. Queen:

“Move to authorize the administration to allocate up to \$14,000 to conduct the air quality testing.”

Mrs. Lombardi asked how fast this could be done. Dr. Erardi replied that if the Board supports this recommendation, the Air Quality Environmental Engineer was prepared to start as quickly as possible. Mr. Goralski explained that the Board views this as a precautionary, responsible decision to allay concerns or fears that may exist in the community because those are the three older buildings; but, in no way are they truly concerned. They are just being proactive. The expense is within the budget under the Maintenance / Repair of Buildings Account.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YES – Mr. Oshana, Mrs. Queen, Mrs. Carmody, Mr. Derynoski, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Lombardi, Mrs. Notar-Francesco, Mr. Goralski. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Mrs. Johnson hoped that there would be an opportunity for some experts to give instruction to the Town Council and Board of Finance with regard to some of the potential additional expenses. Mr. Goralski thought that the experts in the Town Engineering and Building Departments who oversee all construction in Southington, including the school projects, would conduct inspections. He was confident that they have experts at their meetings and, when necessary, Mr. Brumback [Town Manager] has total access to his entire staff. Mr. Cox replied that Attorney Sciota attends all the Building Committee meetings and receives the reports. The Acting Town Engineer, Jim Grappone, has also stayed on top of what is happening with the projects. Mr. Derynoski agreed with Mrs. Johnson; however, he felt that the Town Council and Board of Finance were getting that information.

c. All-Day Kindergarten Initiative Update

Dr. Erardi thanked Mrs. Frechette, who spoke earlier, for being respectful to the process. He stated that the process has been a high priority and that administration remains prepared to share their proposal with the Board on November 8, 2012. The proposal will be in two parts and include the “why” in regard to teaching and learning and the “how much” in regard to the operational plan for 2013-2014. It will be a comprehensive report.

Mrs. Smith reported that the second forum was held at Strong School and there were over 200 people in the audience. They talked preliminarily and administratively about the proposal and the initial stages and steps that they are going through to ensure that they do have a thoroughly thought out and reflective plan to present to the Board. Currently, all the data is being collected from a variety of sources.

Mrs. Notar-Francesco asked when the Board would be receiving the proposal for review. Dr. Erardi replied that there were a couple of pieces that they will not have in place until the end of October. If possible, administration would get it to the Board prior to Friday, November 2, 2012. It is important that the Board has this information before January when they start the budget discussions for 2013-2014. Administration does not expect the Board to take any action at the November 8th meeting, it is just informational.

Mrs. Lombardi stated that at the forum at Strong School Mrs. Smith referred to “research and the pros and cons;” she asked if she could read some of that research. Mrs. Smith replied that when she referred to research she was talking about Googling a variety of questions and visiting other sites that currently have full-day, extended-day and/or half-day programs as well as

getting information from the State Department of Education. She does not have data of specific studies and results; however, she would gather some information for her.

Mr. Derynoski recalled that six years ago there was some discussion at the state level where they were contemplating having All-Day Kindergarten mandated in the state of Connecticut. He thought that would be an interesting piece of the research. Mrs. Smith agreed and stated she would include editorial comments that she discovered linked to the state website that indicates it was not a question of “if” but it is “when.” She stated that it was inevitable. Mr. Derynoski’s biggest concern is the facilities and what programs they would be losing if it becomes mandated and they have to accommodate it. Mrs. Smith replied that as of now Kindergarten is not a mandated program in Connecticut, and that means half-day as well as full-day.

d. Southington Public Schools ~ 2020 Vision: Long-Term Planning

Dr. Erardi shared that he had written an editorial to all of the local newspapers regarding the 2020 vision and long-term planning. Mrs. Queen and Mrs. Lombardi serve on that committee. The next meeting is October 25 and they are in the data gathering stage for the next six weeks. After the first of the year, the committee will report their findings to the Board.

11. NEW BUSINESS

a. Out of State Field Trip Approval (*Moved to Agenda Item 7.d*)

b. Architectural Update ~ Middle School Projects

Ms. Angela Cahill, Registered Architect and Associate Principal at Fletcher Thompson, gave a PowerPoint presentation update on the middle school projects (*Attachment #1*). She explained that she worked closely with Mr. Costa during the schematic design development of this project and that she was pleased to be taking over the Project Manager role. She works closely with the Building Committee, Mr. Cox, town staff and school staff in a very collaborative effort on the design documents.

Ms. Cahill gave the Board a sense of where they are right now with the project. She stated that the project completed the design development phase a couple of weeks ago, which is the middle phase of design. First they do schematic design, then the design development, then the construction documents. They delivered the design development package to the Building Committee a couple of weeks ago and currently that is being evaluated by Newfield Construction who plans to deliver their estimate next week. Fletcher Thompson works with their independent estimator and Newfield’s estimator to come to reconciliation and make sure they are all comfortable about the numbers. The last estimate that they had was August 7 of the schematic design documents. At that point in time, they were looking at a building of 135,000 square feet each and they were at \$86.7 million total for the two schools. They have one set of documents that serves for both buildings because they are both identical. At some point during construction, they will split both the estimates and the documents into two sets. Currently, there are very little differences between the two buildings. The total hard construction cost of the \$86.7 million was \$60 million. There were some contingencies that are basic practice. There was \$3.5 million of estimated contingency at that time, \$2 million of escalation, and \$5 million of construction

contingency at that time. The Building Committee will work with them as they move forward with the design development estimate and then the final estimate to determine what the exact contingencies are that they should end up with.

Mr. Goralski asked Ms. Cahill to provide a copy of the PowerPoint presentation to administration to be shared with the Board. Ms. Cahill had a checklist that was developed with the Building Committee on what their strategies are for high performance. She will e-mail it to administration to be shared with the Board as well.

Mrs. Johnson questioned the plan to provide protection in the windows. Ms. Cahill replied that all the windows will be replaced with very high performing glazing units. In terms of protection and being able to provide room darkening for educational purposes they typically provide the pull-down shades; it is much easier to manage vertical or horizontal blinds and is less dust collection. In cases where one would not be able to reach the pull-down, it will be motorized.

Ms. Cahill stated that it is an aggressive schedule moving forward and they plan to complete the documents before the holidays. The final estimate will be created over the holidays, and they have appointments scheduled in January to visit the State Bureau of School Facilities.

Mrs. Johnson asked if the Board would be receiving the PowerPoint presentation via e-mail. She asked if there would be opportunities for the Board to look at larger schematics. Ms. Cahill replied that they have been presenting printed out boards to the Building Committee giving a snapshot in time, but that was something that they could provide.

12. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: by Mr. Derynoski, seconded by Mrs. Notar-Francesco:

Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Blanchard

Recording Secretary

Southington Board of Education

**SOUTHINGTON BOARD OF EDUCATION
SOUTHINGTON, CONNECTICUT**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION
OCTOBER 11, 2012**

Board Members Present: Mrs. Terri Carmody, Mr. David Derynoski, Mrs. Patricia Johnson, Mrs. Terry Lombardi, Mrs. Jill Notar-Francesco, Mr. Zaya Oshana, Mrs. Patricia Queen, and Mr. Brian Goralski.

Board Members Absent: Mrs. Colleen Clark.

Administration Present: Dr. Joseph V. Erardi, Jr., Superintendent of Schools; Mrs. Karen Smith, Assistant Superintendent; Mrs. Sherri DiNello, Director of Business and Finance, and Mrs. Kim Hunt, Director of Personnel.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Brian Goralski, Board Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 6:36 p.m.

2. EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR SEA CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS AND SCHOOL SAFETY

MOTION: by Mrs. Carmody, seconded by Mrs. Notar-Francesco:

“Move to go into Executive Session, excluding the public and the press, for the purpose of discussing SEA Contract Negotiations and School Safety and upon conclusion reconvene to public session.”

Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

The Board went into Executive Session at 6:36 p.m.

MOTION: by Mrs. Johnson, seconded by Mrs. Carmody:

“Move to reconvene into public session.”

Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

The Board reconvened into public session at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Jill Notar-Francesco, Secretary
Southington Board of Education



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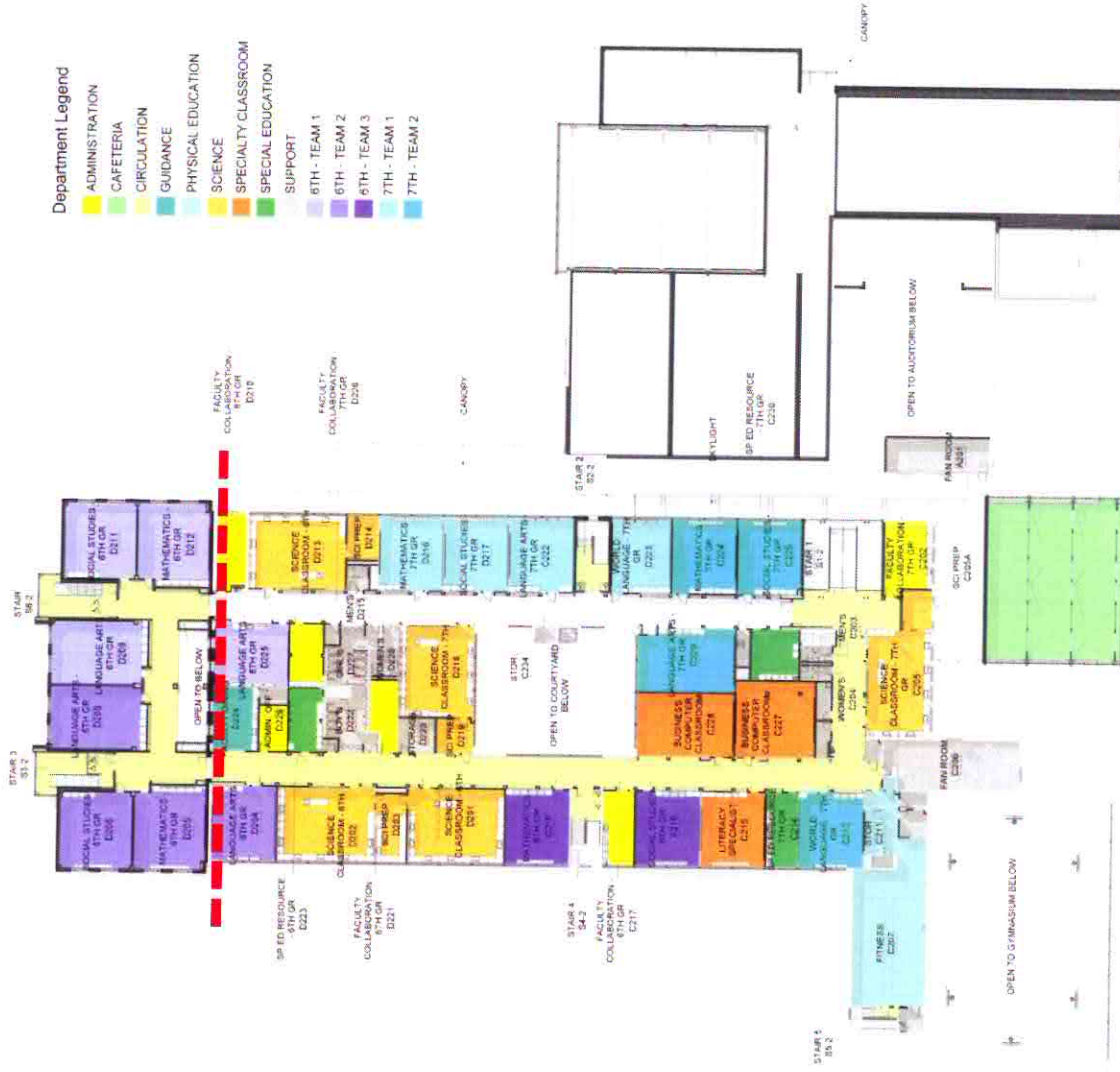
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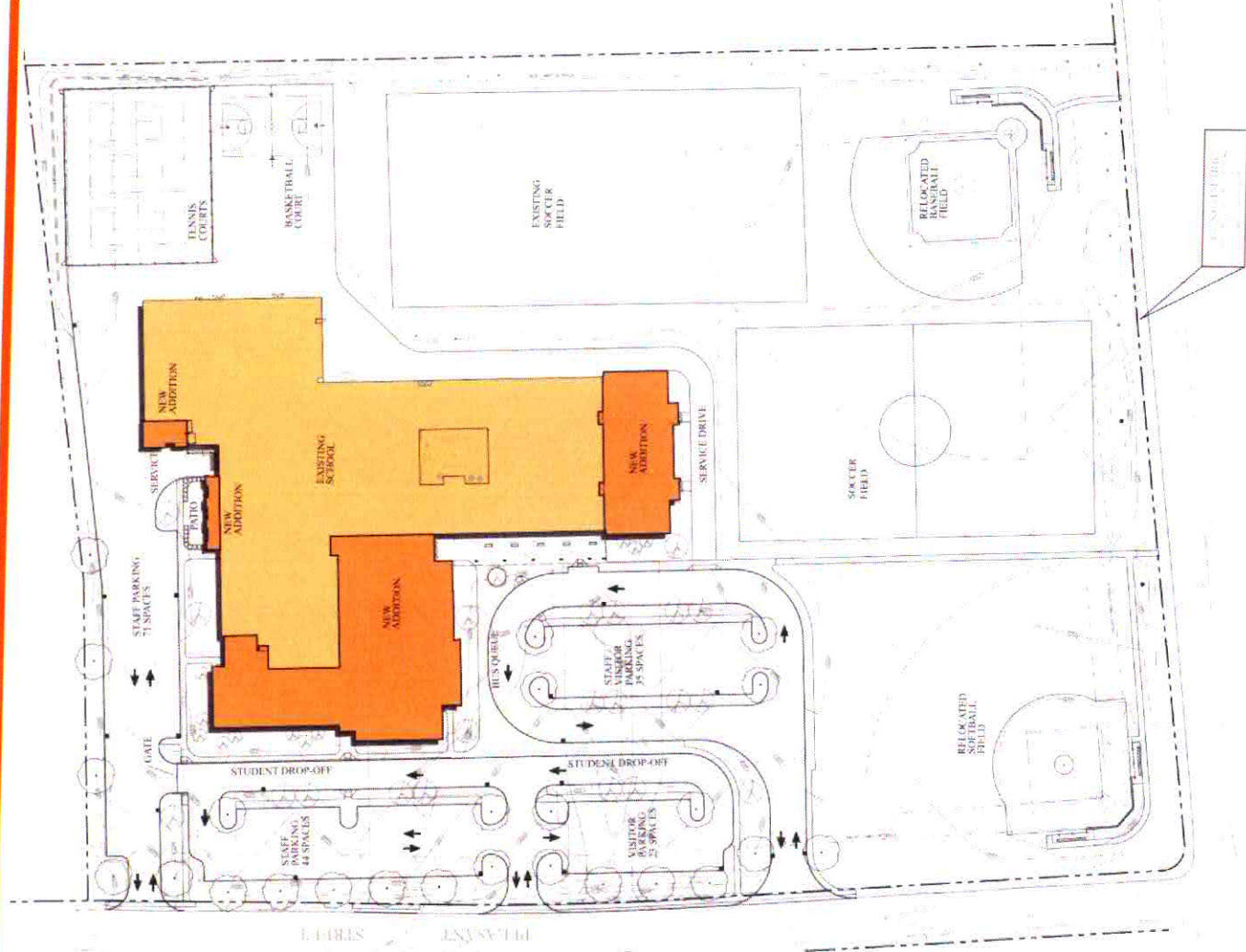
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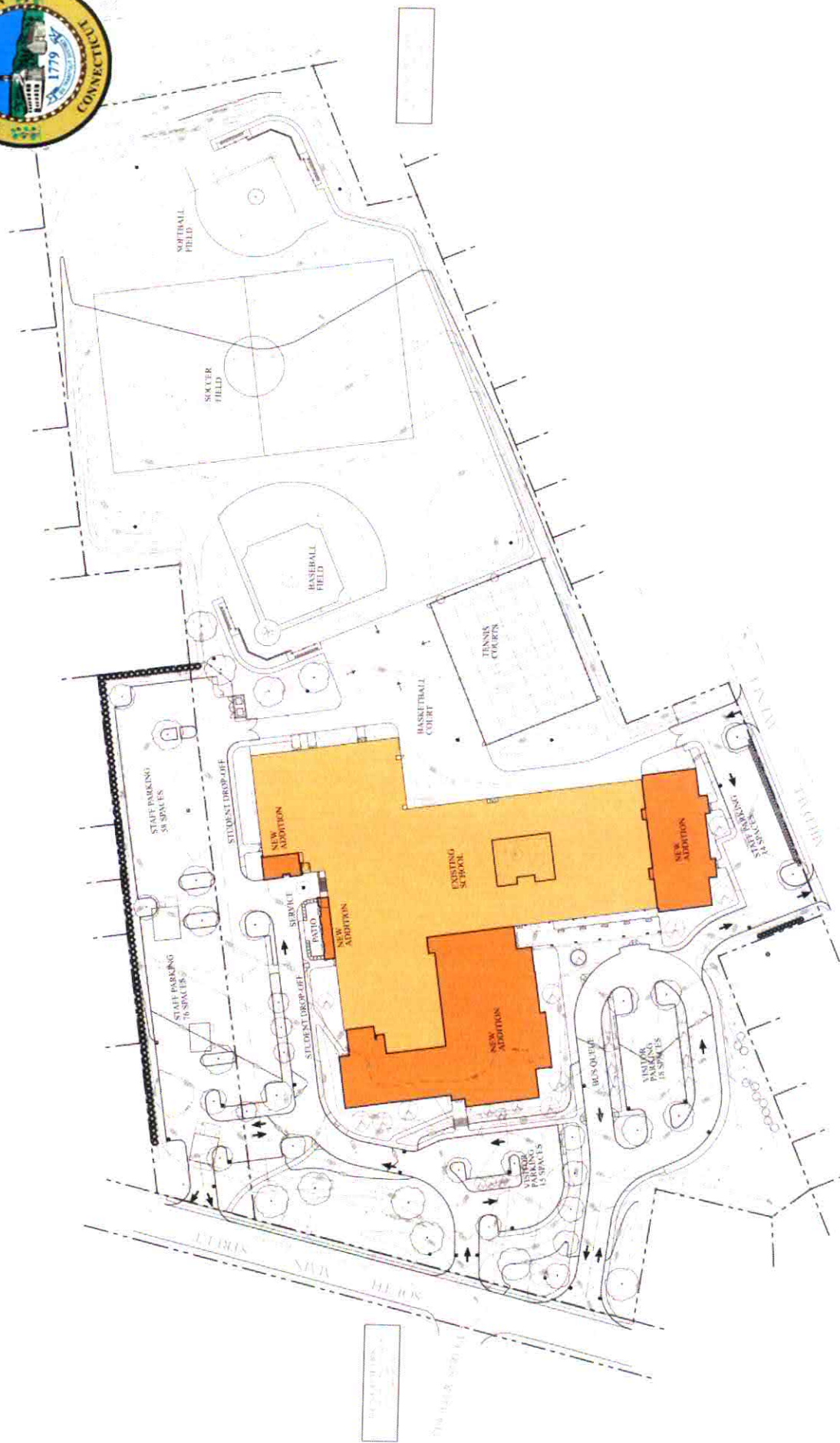




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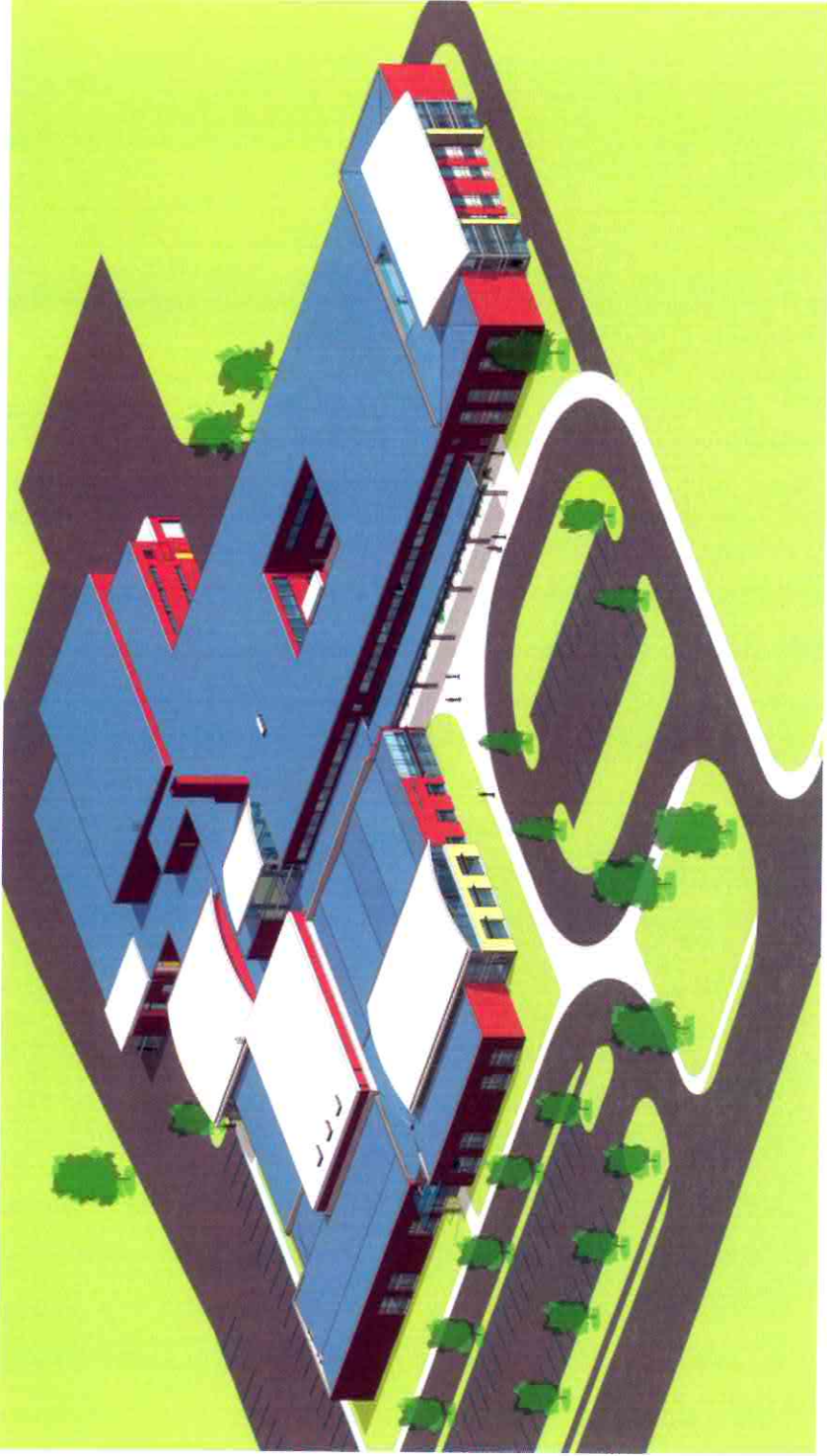


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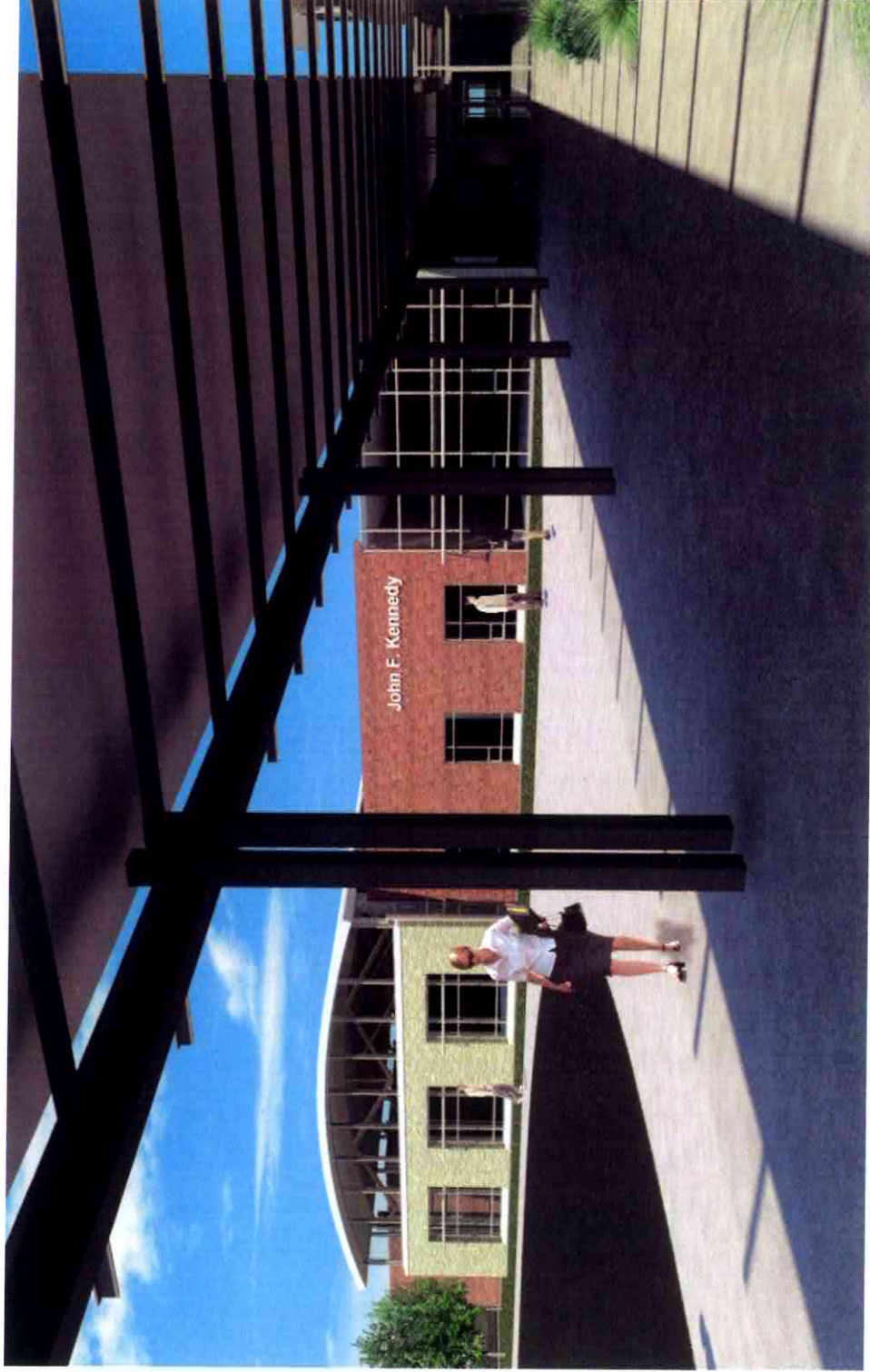
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exterior perspective and elevation

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Compliance Checklist-Schools

In order to demonstrate compliance, the reporting requirements detailed in Section 16a-38k-8 must be completed. The following checklist may be used to catalog compliance progress.

Mandatory Requirements

X	Section	Summary Description
X	16a-38k-3(a)	Building Commissioning
X	16a-38k-3(b)	Integrated Design Process
X	16a-38k-3(c)	Base Energy Performance 21% Better Than Code
X	16a-38k-3(d)	ENERGY STAR Products
X	16a-38k-3(e)	Indoor Air Quality Management Plan
X	16a-38k-3(f)	Water Efficiency
X	16a-38k-3(g)	Recycling of Materials
X	16a-38k-3(h)	Erosion and Sedimentation Control
X	16a-38k-3(i)	No Smoking Policy
X	16a-38k-3(j)	Integrated Pest Management Plan
X	16a-38k-3(k)	CFC Refrigerant Ban or Phase-out Plan
X	16a-38k-3(l)	Minimum Ventilation
X	16a-38k-5(a)	Acoustical Standards
X	16a-38k-5(b)	Properly Locate Outside Air Intakes
X	16a-38k-5(c)	Electronic Ignition on Natural Gas Equipment
X	16a-38k-5(d)	Use of Low VOC Products
X	16a-38k-5(e)	Environmental Site Assessment
X	16a-38k-5(f)	HEPA Vacuuming

Building Standard Options

(A minimum of 28 of the following strategies must be implemented.)

X	Section	Summary Description
<i>At least one measure in subsection (a) must be selected</i>		
?	16a-38k-6(a)(1)	Energy Performance 24.5% Better Than Code
?	16a-38k-6(a)(2)	Energy Performance 28% Better Than Code
	16a-38k-6(a)(3)	Energy Performance 31.5% Better Than Code
	16a-38k-6(a)(4)	Energy Performance 35% Better Than Code
	16a-38k-6(a)(5)	Energy Performance 38.5% Better Than Code
	16a-38k-6(a)(6)	Energy Performance 42% Better Than Code
	16a-38k-6(a)(7)	On-Site Renewable Energy – 3%
	16a-38k-6(a)(8)	On-Site Renewable Energy – 7%
	16a-38k-6(a)(9)	On-Site Renewable Energy – 10%
?	16a-38k-6(a)(10)	Purchase Renewable Energy
	16a-38k-6(a)(11)	Energy Measurement and Verification Plan
<i>At least two measures in subsection (b) must be selected</i>		
?	16a-38k-6(b)(1)	Install Permanent Indoor Air Monitoring Systems

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X	Section	Summary Description
?	16a-38k-6(b)(2)	Provide Increased Outdoor Ventilation
?	16a-38k-6(b)(3)	Building Flushout
?	16a-38k-6(b)(4)	Composite Wood and Agrifiber Products
?	16a-38k-6(b)(5)	Individual Lighting Control
?	16a-38k-6(b)(6)	Individual Thermal Comfort Control
?	16a-38k-6(b)(7)	Building Occupant Survey
?	16a-38k-6(b)(8)	Daylight Contribution
?	16a-38k-6(b)(9)	Visual Gazing – Views to the Outdoor Environment
?	16a-38k-6(b)(10)	Mold Prevention
?	16a-38k-6(b)(11)	Low VOC Furniture
?	16a-38k-6(b)(12)	Isolation of Chemical Use Areas
?	16a-38k-6(b)(13)	Control of Particulates at Pedestrian Entryways
<i>At least one measure in subsection (c) must be selected</i>		
?	16a-38k-6(c)(1)	Reduce Total Potable Water Usage by 30%
?	16a-38k-6(c)(2)	Reduce Water Consumption for Landscaping 50%
	16a-38k-6(c)(3)	Eliminate Potable Water Usage for Landscaping
?	16a-38k-6(c)(4)	Reduce Total Potable Water Usage by 50%
<i>At least two measures in subsection (d) must be selected</i>		
?	16a-38k-6(d)(1)	Maintain 75% of an Existing Building Structure
	16a-38k-6(d)(2)	Maintain 95% of an Existing Building Structure
	16a-38k-6(d)(3)	Re-use Existing Non-Structural Building Elements
?	16a-38k-6(d)(4)	Recycle or Salvage 50% of Construction and Demolition Debris
?	16a-38k-6(d)(5)	Recycle or Salvage 75% of Construction and Demolition Debris
	16a-38k-6(d)(6)	Use 5% Refurbished, Salvaged, or Reused materials
	16a-38k-6(d)(7)	Use 10% Refurbished, Salvaged, or Reused materials
?	16a-38k-6(d)(8)	Use 10% Recycled Content Materials
	16a-38k-6(d)(9)	Use 20% Recycled Content Materials
?	16a-38k-6(d)(10)	Use 10% Local Materials
	16a-38k-6(d)(11)	Use 20% Local Materials
	16a-38k-6(d)(12)	Use Building Materials Made from Short Harvest Cycle Plants
?	16a-38k-6(d)(13)	Use Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) Certified Wood Products
<i>At least two measures in subsection (e) must be selected</i>		
?	16a-38k-6(e)(1)	Re-develop a Local Site
?	16a-38k-6(e)(2)	Select a Site with Public Transportation Access
?	16a-38k-6(e)(3)	Encourage Bicycle Transportation
?	16a-38k-6(e)(4)	Encourage Low-Emission Vehicle Use with Preferred Parking
?	16a-38k-6(e)(5)	Encourage Car and Van-pooling
	16a-38k-6(e)(6)	Protect Natural Areas at the Construction Site
?	16a-38k-6(e)(7)	Maximize Open Space
	16a-38k-6(e)(8)	Implement a Stormwater Management Plan Reducing Run-off by 25%
	16a-38k-6(e)(9)	Implement a Stormwater Management Plan that Treats 90% of Annual Rainfall
	16a-38k-6(e)(10)	Reduce Heat Island Effect Through Landscaping Strategies

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X	Section	Summary Description
?	16a-38k-6(e)(11)	Select Roofing Materials to Reduce Heat Island Effect
?	16a-38k-6(e)(12)	Reduce Outdoor Light Pollution
	16a-38k-6(e)(13)	Orient Building for Daylighting and Energy Performance
?	16a-38k-6(e)(14)	No Building in Floodplain and Sustainable Site Development
?	16a-38k-6(e)(15)	Site Building away from External Sources of Excessive Noise
<i>No minimum requirement for measures in subsection (f)</i>		
?	16a-38k-6(f)(1)	Eliminate the use of CFCs, HCFCs and Halons
?	16a-38k-6(f)(2)	Building Innovation
?	16a-38k-6(f)(3)	Curriculum on Sustainable Building Features
38	Total Building Standard Optional Strategies (27 Needed for Compliance)	