
JOINT SPECIAL SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2008
NASHUA HIGH SCHOOL NORTH LECTURE HALL
7:00 PM

A meeting of the Joint Special School Building Committee was held at Nashua High North on **Thursday, November 20, 2008**. Alderman Bolton called the meeting to order at **7:11 p.m.** Mr. Kelley read the prayer, and Mr. Vaughan led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Alderman Bolton, Alderman Clemons, Alderman Cox, Alderman Flynn, Alderman McCarthy, Alderman Tabacsko, Alderman Tamposi, Alderman Wilshire, Mr. Haas, Mr. Hallowell, Mr. Hogan, Mr. Kelley, Mr. Mosher, Mr. Vaughan

Also Present: Mr. Mealey, Mr. Smith, Alderman Teeboom, Members of the Public, *The Telegraph*, *Videographer*

Previous Meeting Minutes Approval

Alderman McCarthy moved to waive the reading of the minutes of the JSSBC Committee meetings held on **10/20/08** accept them, place them and file. **So voted.**

Remarks by Administration

Alderman Bolton

Thank you all for coming.

Committee Report – Construction Projects Committee

Alderman McCarthy moved to waive the reading of the minutes of the Construction Committee meeting held on **10/23/08** place them on file **So voted.**

Alderman McCarthy moved that the rules be suspended to allow for an oral report of a meeting on **11/20/08**. **So voted.**

Alderman McCarthy

Some members of the committee toured the Gorham Middle School last week, and the committee met earlier this evening to discuss what we learned at the visit and to plan what will happen at future meetings as we discuss the construction projects. No actions were taken that require approval from the Joint Special School Building Committee.

Comments by Committee Members

Mr. Hallowell

Is there a reason why we always hold this meeting following a Construction Projects meeting? It seems like it would make more sense if the Construction Committee were to make a motion, we would then schedule a JSSBC meeting, rather than have everyone show up after every one of these meetings to have a short meeting?

Alderman Bolton

It would seem so, but the statute says we meet once a month, so here we are.

Alderman Teeboom

I'd like to thank Alderman McCarthy for doing the trip to Gorham Middle School in Maine. It's the first time I think anyone here saw a geothermal system. A very elaborate system using air handlers and probably quite similar to the system designed by Turner. We had a peer review by Dr. Phetteplace on Turner's design and there are 2 sentences that I'd like to read into the record.

Alderman Bolton

The whole report is in our record and reading it isn't going to be helpful to us.

Alderman Teeboom

Well, I'd like to read it. "It is my opinion that a significantly different approach should be taken." The other statement is, "Distribute systems are not well suited to recovery." And what we saw in Gorham was in fact a distributed system. They use an awful lot of motors and pumps to do all that... a lot of duct work to move all that air and it is an inefficient system. It's a good system, but according to the data the savings is \$30-40,000 for a system that costs almost \$200,000 to operate. Based on that, it would take huge numbers of years to pay for a \$2 million system. And that doesn't account for all kinds of additional construction done to the new school that the system was put into. In fact the school was built around the geothermal system as was explained to us. And they put a thermal envelope around the entire school, which is probably not possible in a renovation. And it's my conclusion is that based on this trip, we can only see confirmation of what Dr. Phetteplace stated in the two sentences that I just read.

Alderman Wilshire moved to adjourn. **So voted at 7:19 p.m.**

Submitted by Jacki Waters