

Winslow Building Committee

Minutes

Winslow High School – Room 133

Thursday

June 1, 2017

6:00 P. M.

**Ray Caron, Cory Dow, Jenn Tyler, Mike Heavener, Kathleen Fleury, Jen McCowan, Keri Whitney, MaryBeth Bourgoin, Andrew Chartrand, Kyle Price, Joel Selwood, Ron Whary, Eric Haley, Paula Pooler, Stephen Blatt, Patricia West, Trevor Loftus, Kelly Daigneault, Trisha Souviney, Susan Walters, Peter Thiboutot, Shelley Phillips**

**Audience Jerry Quirion, Ken Fletcher, Will Backman, Lori Loftus, Tom McCowan, Earl Watts, Bob Russell**

1. Goals for this meeting

Building Committee agreement on:

- Cost of total project e.g. number of seats in Performing Arts Center
- Date for public presentation
- Timelines for construction

Jen McCowan. Discussion of why 600 seats are needed. Currently cramped, high school musical sold out. Allow them to host music and drama festivals. Provides opportunity for revenue through gates.

Stephen Blatt- Discussion on what he has done to add the additional seats and not change the cost significantly. Lifted the roof two feet, extended 10.5 feet. Raised the stage 6 inches. Added 600 feet to the floor plan. Shrunk the control booth, able to pick up seats. Stephen stated that \$650,000 to demolish and haul away the jr. high. \$400,000 to be used for site budget.

Ray- If you finance the demolition, you are up over 10 million. His vote would be to add \$200,000 from site budget and add to the bond. If we can save on the site, and put it towards the demolition cost. If there is any operational budget needs for the JH, Ray felt that is a burden on the tax payer. Eric stated that we are a department of the town and technically there are two or three options of how to close a school building. It is everyones best interest to have a plan on what to do with the JH. It is necessary to work with the town. Ken Fletcher stated that the town people need to know the whole story.

Trish West stated that there is \$800,000 in contingencies and if it isn't all used, some could be used for the demolition. Steve discussed the bidding process. The construction contingency is to deal with the unknowns during construction. Steve stated that

generally, his team does not use over 50% of the contingency. Mr. Chartrand asked if there is a possibility of losing the bond because there are many town people that don't want the JH demolished. Ken stated that we don't want to say we are going to demolish it without looking at all other options. Who decides on the demolition? It will be the town counsel. The RFQ just went out and it may take a couple of months to determine interest.

Ken will be pleasantly surprised if we find someone to take over the building and willing to spend 3-5 million dollars to bring it up to code for ADA. Whoever takes over the building becomes owners of the building. It would not be a town own tax payer obligation.

Ray- Suggest that we have options to inform the public when going for the final bond. For example, 9.7 million if we don't demo, if we do demo they you need to add \$650,000

Eric- It won't be known by the referendum date. We need to be clear with public that we have \$650,000 and if we have to demolish it will be additional cost.

Ken- If we have referendum on June 15, we need to include what we will do at the jr. high and present options.

Kyle- Are we in a position to make a motion? Kyle makes a motion that we use the 9.7 million for construction and include the \$650,000 for demo. Have the demo line as a separate line. Joel. Need to be careful how we structure the demolition portion of this project.

Shelley- If we decide to take the jr. high down, what will we do about our current use of locker rooms, restrooms etc. at the jr. high?

Joel- Perhaps we build a block building like Waterville has by their football field.

Kyle wants to move the question. He proposes that we add a line for demolition at a cost of \$650,000. This would be in addition to the 9.7 million. MaryBeth seconded.

Discussion. The \$650,000 would be added to whatever the final construction cost would be. MaryBeth makes a motion to end discussion. Ron calls for a vote. Passed.  
Unanimous

Steve Blatt- Presents three plans. One includes the cost for renovations in the cafeteria area. Steve. If we are going to add to the cafeteria, we should do it right. It would be a \$40,000 increase (more seating space, more floor space) so we would be looking at adding the \$40,000 to the \$9.7 million making the amount \$9,740,000.

Motion on the floor by Andrew Chartrand to add the \$40,000 for the additional seats and space. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jenn McCowan.

All in favor. Unanimous. Question asked for any additional discussion regarding any other changes to the construction plan. Hearing none,

Ron asked for another Vote. Joel made the motion, Construction cost would be \$9,740,000. Kyle price seconded. All in favor. Unanimous.

Eric- Public relations meeting to explain what has transpired to date. First meeting will be June 15, 6:00pm. One hour time period. Idea is to give a presentation. Here is why, here is what, here are some savings. Mike could speak to the effect on the mil if whole amount. Meeting will take place at Winslow Jr. high Auditorium. Stephen Blatt will use a powerpoint to present.

Publicity- Will push out on FaceBook. Eric will contact reporter who covers Winslow to place a story in the paper. Administrators will do a robo call.

Ron. Recap. We Voted on \$650,000 for demo, \$40,000 on cafe for a total of \$9,740,000 construction cost. Total cost for everything, \$10,390,000 if we use all of the \$650,000 for jr. high demolition.

#### Public Presentation Decisions:

- Where
- Time
- How Long
- Presenters
- Advertising
- Technology would like to have lead time with information to be presented if we want to project it on large screen

2. Sub-committee reports – if any update
  - Elementary – Kyle Price
  - High School – Chad Bell
  - Performing Arts-Jenn McCowan
  - Publicity –Ray Caron
  - Construction Management – Eric Haley

3. Future Agenda Items

#### 4. Next meeting -Public Presentation Meeting

Building Committee- Ron Whary, Joel Selwood, Eric Haley, Jenn McCowan, Earl Coombs, Cory Dow, Chad Bell, Paula Pooler, Jason Briggs, Susan Walters, Ray Caron, Patricia West, Kyle Price, Trevor Luftus, Peter Thiboutot, Stephen Blatt, Shelley Phillips, Trisha Souviney, Will Backman, Michael Heavener, Linda Lambert, Lisa Ericson, Keri Whitney, Kelly Daigneault, Kathleen Fleury

Performing Arts – Jenn McCowan, Keri Whitney, Chad Bell, Cory Dow, Paula Pooler, Jason Briggs, Joel Selwood

Elementary - Susan Walters, Kyle Price, Jason Briggs, Andrew Chartrand, Kathleen Fleury, Lisa Ericson, Isaac Sturtevant, Irene Dineen, Heather Tompkins, Tanya Thibeau

Construction Management – Ron Whary, Ray Caron, Trevor Loftus, Peter Thiboutot, Eric Haley, Stephen Blatt, Shelley Phillips, Patricia West

High School – Chad Bell, Cory Dow, Trisha Souviney, Lisa Ericson, Linda Lambert, Earle Coombs, Paula Pooler, Lori Loftus, Susan Walters, Kelly Daigneault, Storm Kelso, Sarah Hardy, Tina Couturier

Publicity – Ray Caron, Dave Boardman, Will Bachman, Jenn Tyler