

**FACILITIES COMMITTEE
EAST HARTFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**MONDAY,
OCTOBER 19, 2009**

A meeting of the Board of Education Facilities Committee was held on Monday, October 19, 2009, at the Connecticut International Baccalaureate Academy, 857 Forbes St., East Hartford, CT. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 P.M. by Chairman Robert Damaschi.

PRESENT Robert Damaschi, Chairman, Facilities Committee
Anita Morrison, Facilities Committee Member & BOE Member
Bryan Hall, Facilities Committee Member, & BOE Member
Ram Aberasturia, BOE Member
Mary Alice Dwyer-Hughes, Chairperson BOE

ALSO PRESENT Mark Zito, Superintendent of Schools
Al Costa, Director of Facilities
Paul Mainuli, Director of Business Services
Nancy Moriarty, Supervisor, Willowbrook School
Rich Gentile, Town Council

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION By Anita Morrison
Seconded by Bryan Hall
To approve the following Minutes:
meeting of October 8, 2009, as corrected:
Page 1: last sentence: He further noted, if we make Sunset Ridge
a grade 6-8 model, **we risk losing more students.**
Motion unanimously carried.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - None

Willowbrook School, Release of Property and Lease Term Discussions

Both Al Costa, Director of Facilities, and Paul Mainuli, Director of Business Services, provided the Committee with suggested terms and conditions for a proposed sale and lease for the Willowbrook School.

Mr. Costa provided a site plan of the Goodwin College proposed construction and outlined the impact to Willowbrook School along with an explanation of the terms and conditions that should be considered in a potential sale/lease agreement.

Lengthy discussion took place regarding the terms and conditions provided by Messrs. Costa and Mainuli.

At this point, Mr. Gentile, Town Assistant Corporation Counsel, stated he talked to Goodwin College's attorney. He would like them to respond to our points, as stated in memos provided by Messrs. Costa and Mainuli.

Further Mr. Gentile stated he would be willing to represent both the Town and the Board with drawing up a lease. Several Board members had concerns with Mr. Gentile representing both parties. It was the consensus of the Committee to have Counsel from Shipman & Goodwin representing the Board. The Committee further requested that, after Counsel sees a final copy of the terms and conditions of the lease, that a Letter of Intent be drawn which would be shared with the Committee, Goodwin College and then be given to the Town's Counsel.

MOTION

By Anita Morrison

Seconded by Bryan Hall

To contact Goodwin College for response to memos provided by Messrs. Costa and Mainuli and have Administration work with Shipman & Goodwin to draft a tentative lease, once the terms are agreed upon by both parties.

Motion unanimously carried.

Superintendent Zito stated he is confident we can all work together to accomplish a lease acceptable to all parties involved.

OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Mainuli stated we have received two proposals from firms interested in assisting in our redistricting study. Facilities Committee and Future Planning Committee will convene a meeting on Monday, November 9, 2009, 6:30 P.M., Board of Education office. Each firm will give a half- hour presentation. The Board will select a vendor and forward to the full Board at its November 16, 2009 Regular Meeting for approval.

MOTION

By Anita Morrison

Seconded by Bryan Hall

To adjourn the Facilities Committee meeting (6:25 P.M.)

Motion unanimously carried.

Recorded by:

Donna Fitzgerald