

PHS Committee Meeting of 2-9-09

Attendees: Sean Minuti, Daryle Hillsgrove, Rob Hardy, Dr. Mohr, Bob Sherman, Kathy Sergeant, Brian Cartin, Bob Sherman, Brenda Hobbs
Absent: Dr. Bass, Kevin Steele, Chris Marion, Eleanor Burton, Hal Lynde

- 1) Sean Minuti opened the meeting.
- 2) Discussed the purpose of the meeting tonight would be to look at a completion strategy for the committee's recommendation.
 - a) Brian C stated we need to be able to justify a recommendation including the following:
 - i) Why options were removed such as area agreements or vouchers.
 - ii) Criteria list may need to be reviewed when narrowed down to the final 2 or 3 options. Brian Mahoney stated we might want to review the ratings of the last two options.
 - iii) Bob Sherman pointed out we haven't really discussed agreement options with Hudson or possible Salem. Dr. Mohr explained that any type of vocational agreement would require Pelham providing a unique program. Currently, Pinkerton is our first choice vocational school and then Salem.
 - iv) Daryle stated that available data needs to be identified and summarized for the average voter.
 - v) Discussed a target date for a recommendation. Target date is April 1st. The goal is to give the PSB time to evaluate and prepare in time for Budget Committee meetings in the fall.
 - vi) Committee would ask to be on the Agenda the next PSB meeting after recommendation complete.
- 3) Land Discussions
 - a) Brian M suggested looking at information needed for a renovation and addition option since we have a lot of the information already needed for a new high school.
 - b) Brian C stated that land concerns seemed to be part of the issue with the new high school on a new site last year.
 - c) A search for large parcels was suggested.
 - d) Bob Sherman stated there are some larger pieces of land in town that may be big enough.
 - e) Daryle Hillsgrove noted that Camp Runnels is not operating summer camp this year and maybe we should look into what is happening with that property.
 - f) Sean has done some preliminary search in the town database to identify if there are larger lots that might have enough land for a new on new high school.
 - g) Land for a high school would need about 30 usable acres for a high school the size needed for Pelham.
 - h) Discussion on the proposed land capital reserve fund warrant article. There are questions as to how the money in the established fund can be dispersed. Is dispersal by the PSB or by a resident vote?
 - i) Brian M stated a land search for parcels 15 acres or more should be conducted. He stated that any option would require an additional school and it may be better to recommend a small addition to get through the next few years with future expansions to meet build out. Brian Cartin reminded the group that through our analysis of build out we determined that we should plan on 3000 as the total

student population. Brian C. reminded the committee that we decided on that number and we are to provide the best option for the town to address it's needs.

- j) Daryle expressed concern that any option relying on future expansion would have to be clearly identified. PES was built so it could be expanded and any option that changed that needed to be clearly identified so voters had all the information. Brian Cartin expressed concern in relying on codes to remain the same and not get more stringent resulting in more difficulty to address the issues. He reminded the committee we agreed on a population of 3000 in the district K-12.
- 4) Sean Minuti briefly reviewed the criteria matrix for Kathleen and Brian C. He also provided copies of the final chart. The committee in general rated a new high school on a new site higher than other options.
- 5) Action Items
 - a) Brenda Hobbs will look up the Capital Reserve Fund
 - b) Daryle Hillsgrove and Rob Hardy will work on identifying and summarizing the existing data including:
 - i) Marinace Report
 - ii) Team Design report 2002
 - iii) Information on the Septic System
 - iv) Information on water
 - v) Accreditation report
 - vi) 2006 & 2007 Environmental Reports
 - vii) Jim Give Report
 - c) Kathleen Sergeant will contact Marinace to arrange for meetings. The group asked about February 16th or that week or March 2 or 9. 3/2 is the preferred date.
 - d) Next Meeting Monday 16th at the High School.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Daryle Hillsgrove