

**Minutes High School Facilities Committee Meeting**  
**August 31, 2009**

Attendees: Dr. Bass Eleanor Burton, Brian Carton, Rob Hardy, Brenda Hobbs, Chris Marion, Sean Minuti, Dr. Mohr

Absent: Daryle Hillsgrove, Hal Lynde, Kathleen Sargent, Bob Sherman

1. **Minutes** – PSB requested that minutes be available within 24 hours of each meeting.
  - a. Dr Mohr will take copies of notes and have them typed and sent to Dr. Bass.
  - b. Dr Bass will have them available the next day at SAU for review if requested.
  - c. Minutes will be approved at next meeting and then sent to the school board.
2. **8/24 minutes** approved as edited.
  - a. Chris will send updated minutes to committee
  - b. Dr. Bass will share minutes with PSB
3. **Flyer**
  - a. Brian updated – fit topics, made cosmetic improvements, did delete some bullets which were reviewed.
  - b. Small edits discussed.
  - c. Dr. Bass shared that State Approval Status is changing from Conditional Approval to Approval in late September/October. Pelham Fire Chief sending letter (in conjunction with fire marshal) to the state imminently.
  - d. Do we change this section in the flyer?
  - e. Brian -- we need to add info to flyer on the good things about building a new school.
  - f. Dr. Bass – Agreed. Focus here has been on regress. Move forward based on assumption of valid issue. Everyone already agrees.
  - g. Dr. Bass – Asked by Hooksett to share info as they consider separating from Manchester. Focus not on issues, but on benefits.
  - h. Sean/Brian – Not convinced that all of community is in agreement with the issues.
  - i. Brian – PHS facility analysis section is based on old info, but gives some good info
  - j. How do we address positives? House value up. Where is hard data?
    - i. Dr. Bass – Get info from Hollis – What were changes in home sales once new school was approved.
    - ii. Windham HS – real estate group excited to use high school to push sales.
    - iii. Brian – How do we address more historical data.
    - iv. Rob – Dave Hennessey put together some info – earmarked Hollis, etc.Sell based on benefits of new high school versus negatives of alternatives.
    - v. Discussion of opportunities available with new school regardless of positive, quality education people are getting.
4. **Impact to tax base**
  - a. Need to reconcile numbers, Hal’s and Kathleen’s
  - b. Dr. Bass confirmed that the numbers must come from Kathleen and be approved/validated by State Dept. of Ed.
  - c. Need numbers from Kathleen. Dr. Bass will talk to Kathleen tomorrow.

- d. Would like Kathleen and Hal to tie off.
  - e. Unlikely to have by Old Home Day.
5. **Land**
- a. Dr. Bass – PSD has voted to buy a piece of land across the street from PHS for \$155,000. (*new info – no bond is needed to buy this according to Kathleen Sargent*)
6. **Returned to Flyer discussion**
- a. Add Statement on land to flyer
  - b. Replace PHS State Approval Status with section on current HS accomplishments and benefits of new school.
    - i. Significantly more community service than any other school.
    - ii. 80% college acceptance rate.
    - iii. One of lowest dropout rates in the state, 2%
  - c. Brian to update and send back out for approval.
  - d. Dr. Mohr to print copies Thurs., 9/10 for OHD.
  - e. Get new numbers on enrollment – Dr. Bass to provide as of 9/1.
7. Document owners – need to maintain latest versions
- a. Brian to be “Keeper of the Flyer”
  - b. Brenda to be “Keeper of Fact Sheets” – not discussed in detail at this meeting as focus was on flyer, OHD, and Budget Committee meeting
  - c. Chris to be “Keeper of Presentation”
8. **Budget Committee Presentation**
- a. Create presentation from Old Home Day Flyer
  - b. What do they think a new HS means to Pelham?
  - c. Summarize background information
  - d. Brenda – Chris to email Bob on expectations.
  - e. Consider what to keep from original presentation and use flyer to put it together
  - f. Chris to update and resend.
9. **Buildable Acres** - Buildable, but less than ideal. Questions on fact sheet are from one member, not the PSB.
10. **Old Home Day**
- a. Volunteer Sheet – have it there.
  - b. Coverage of OHD – still need people – Dr Mohr to help w/students – handed out signup sheet again.
  - c. Question on budget – approval of gimmicky items (candy?)
  - d. Ask question at Old Home Day – would you support? Test of community support
    - a. Chris – Would it be representative of voting group.
    - b. Dr. Bass - Some information. Just ask “What do you think of new school?”
    - c. Rob – Good if we can understand “no”.
    - d. Sean – How do we tie that in?
    - e. Rob – Questions on: Reasons to support, Reasons against, Reasons still undecided
    - f. Don’t want to have a vote because we don’t know if its an appropriate cross section and data could be misinterpreted

11. **PSB Meetings**

- a. Brenda -- Concerned that she was called on again at PSB meeting after we decided we were not there to report, etc.
- b. Dr. Bass – Asked that we **do** give update at PSB meeting.
- c. PSB meeting next week – 9/9/09
  - i. Rob will attend.
  - ii. Agreed to provide update at meeting if someone attends and has something new to report

**12. Next Meetings**

- a. Skip meeting next week – Old Home Day ready
- a. Meeting 9/14 to prep for Budget Committee meeting.

**13. Website** – some discussion on what we want to include

Respectfully submitted,  
Chris Marion