

**ENFIELD HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
February 18, 2016**

A meeting of the Enfield High School Building Committee was held at Enfield High School located at 1264 Enfield Street, Enfield, Connecticut on February 18, 2016.

1. **CALL TO ORDER** The meeting was called to order at 6:40 pm by Randy Daigle
2. **MOMENT OF SILENCE**
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
4. **FIRE EVACUATION ANNOUNCEMENT**

5. **ROLL CALL**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Randy Daigle, Virginia Austin, Walter Kruzel, Joe Muller, Tim Neville, Wendy Osada, George Rypysc, Lynn Scull, Greg Strich, Gina Sullivan, Donna Szewczak, Laura Vella

MEMBERS ABSENT

Gina Cekala, Doug Maxellon, Jim Nasuta

ALSO PRESENT

Jim Giuliano, Dean Petrucelli, Amar Shamas

6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Motion made by Joe Muller to Approve the Regular Minutes dated February 4, 2016

Seconded by Ginny Austin

Wendy states where I had made a comment about where there is always risk management group, is anyone looking at what if the building isn't ready? I was concerned about more than that. I stated there are other areas of risk and things you can evaluate. It wasn't just that. Just expand that it wasn't just if the building isn't going to be ready, all potential risks. That was an example. I would like it stated in the minutes is there something of any other areas of risk, such as.

Motion passes by a show of hands

7. **COMMITTEE GUESTS**

None

8. **ARCHITECTS REPORT**

Dean states there are 9 RFI's outstanding, 7 came in this morning, and a few went out tonight. There are 4 outstanding shop drawing. None of these are old. BIM coordination meetings continue on Tuesday, our code meetings are scheduled for Wednesday and owner/architect/CM meetings are on Thursday. Thanks to that F&O change order, the majority of their work should be behind us. They will still be on until the end of the project for closeout and little pockets of abatement that they have to do based on Gilbane's calls. On Tuesday there was a meeting with myself, Gilbane, George, Wendy, Randy and it had to do with the comments of the users. We replied and responded to all of their questions there were a few items that needed to have additional approval or follow up. The first one was computer classroom E247 and 346. This was a request from the end user to eliminate the 60" lab tables and go to 72" lab tables. I pointed out that we wouldn't be throwing these lab tables away, but we would be able to use them in a different location. You have 2 classrooms for the business department

that can only fit 60" tables. There is an opportunity that we can use the 24 tables that are in the 2 classrooms upstairs and take them and use them in business and purchase new lab tables for the computer classroom, which would be 12" larger than they currently are. This contract has already been settled but because of the phasing of the project the 2nd round of equipment has not been delivered on site yet. Red Thread is still holding onto this equipment in their warehouse. They will not charge us restocking for the tables that we don't want to purchase but there is an upcharge to purchase this 72" table vs. the original contract which was 60" table. That upcharge to satisfy the request of the end user at the 2 computer labs in the Fermi wing is \$8,608.20. Randy had asked to bring this to the committee for your approval to spend the \$8,608.20 so that we can satisfy the request of the computer department.

Joe states he didn't see a list of comments.

Dean will send it out.

Tim asks after going through all the things we went through and having George sign off, is this something you feel is necessary? Has the Superintendent been involved in this issue? I know he has some strong feelings about people changing things at the last minute.

George states I can't tell you if it was signed off as a 5' table. The problem with the 5' table is with the CPU and the keyboard on it, there is no space. Kathy Bridges said there is no space for the students using the lab to put anything down on the table.

Randy states you see a table in the catalog and then you sit there you realize. We solved it before it became a big issue.

Dean states Red Thread is being very fair to us. If you approve it we will take care of getting the amended P.O.

Laura states it sounds like George has a good handle on it.

Motion made by Joe Muller to Approve this request

Seconded by Ginny Austin

Motion passes by a show of hands

Dean continues the second one is the same room similar request, all of the computers in this facility were specified as being on casters. These were approved at one point, I'm not talking about 48 chairs in this particular space, I'm talking about all 100 or so chairs that are scheduled to come. They were approved to be on casters, on wheels. The educators in the 2 computers rooms have requested that we change the casters to standard feet and that there not be caster capabilities on the 48 chairs. They are taking it a step further and recommending that we do not have casters on any student chairs. Because these chairs have already been ordered and already in place, there is going to be an upcharge of \$715.00 to distribute glides, 4 or 5 per chair, depending on the chair, to deliver the glides and replace them by taking the casters off and putting the glides on. There is an upcharge for these 2 rooms. Red Thread said if you tell us now that you want the upcoming chairs to not have casters, there will be no additional charge, but for these 48 chairs that they already delivered there is going to be a \$715.00 upcharge.

Motion made by Joe Muller to Approve this request for \$715.00
Seconded by Ginny Austin
Motion passes by a show of hands

Dean states as a result of the end users questions there are about 5 that required us per the direction of Randy to produce sketches so that Gilbane can price some additional requests. Tonight we don't have any actual dollars but just so you know it is upcoming.

In classroom 247 and 346, same labs we just talked about, originally they were never to be teacher based meaning that we never had casework. Since that design and decision, these rooms are now teacher based and the teachers in those 2 spaces are asking for casework to be installed in 247 and 346. We don't know the cost of that yet.

Another item was the media center security system. We had a lot of discussion on the media center and the original cameras that are in place. We've also had discussions on the security system, there is what I will call a metal detector device, when you put the metal strips in the binders of books. Fermi does not have a system in place that is operating. Enfield had a system in place that was operating. We're going to be producing a sketch to Gilbane to modify your existing system to keep it operational for the new facility.

An item that got closed today, but I want to bring it up as it has been the source of a lot of discussion is a piece of equipment for John Dague in the woodshop E013 which was a bellows for dust collector. John had asked for this piece of equipment about 4 weeks ago, we ended up getting a price on it, it was about \$300.00. Amar was to purchase this under his contract. Since then we have heard as of this afternoon that John Dague does not want us to buy this bellows, so now it is a closed item.

The next item we are requesting was the hose reels in the auto shop. John Dague was not happy with the quality of the hose reels. He is asking that we purchase additional hose reels to replace the ones that are specified and installed. We feel it is silly to throw away good hose reels, so if we get a price and the committee approves we can buy them. We can wait for these to break and then he has new ones. We are inquiring a price.

The next request was for room E132 for the engineering room. We have some very heavy equipment in the engineering room. We had the plasma cutter which was spilling off a lot of high temperature slag, there was a concern that we have VCT (vinyl composite tile) under it. Since then that piece of equipment has been eliminated. John would still like us to eliminate VCT in 1/3 of the room because they will be performing welding operations in there. He did make a mention of this in the early stage of the project on how we floor this room. That was an oversight on everyone's part. We ended up putting VCT in the entire room. The solution at this point is to have Gilbane go back in and remove VCT in 1/3 of the room where he is going to be welding and having heavy equipment. Where it is more classroom based, we'll keep the VCT. That sketch is being produced.

In the same room, John Dague is requesting that we put 6 feet of stainless steel mounted to the gypsum wall on the west side, because he is going to be having this same heavy equipment, more importantly

they are going to be purchasing a welding curtain, he wants to do welding in that engineering room. We need to provide a solution. We are producing a sketch.

Greg asks if that room was originally designed for welding in terms of fumes?

Dean states there is exhaust in that room for a variety of equipment, not just welding. He has other equipment that needs ventilation.

Dean states the last one is in the kitchen servery. The third servery, the left most servery. It's very tight. We're going to be producing a sketch and moving a piece of equipment to give a little more clearance to that back servery.

Randy states this was all discussed at our regular meeting during the day. This was one of several meetings we have every week.

Ginny states we need to listen to the people using these rooms. We are building for the children. We just approved over \$75,000.00 for gray areas. If the teachers or students need something, I feel we need to take a closer look.

Walter states don't forget the \$10,000.00 for two inches.

Dean states the last one is the logo. We are getting ready to paint the lines and art work on the court. The bleachers are going in and they also have art work on them, they have EHS and the eagle on them. The center court of the basketball court will have the eagle. There is a 12 foot diameter circle in center court. There are two proposals. One is a 8' wing to beak of eagle or one is a 14 one'. We like the larger eagle.

Wendy states she likes the eagle on the wood, natural.

George states the white makes it pop, you will lose the eagle in the wood grain.

Lynn agrees with George. The claws are gold and it will blend into the wood grain.

Dean states the court stripping is green.

Motion made by Wendy Osada that we select the larger emblem with the white background

Seconded by Joe Muller

Motion passes by a show of hands

George asks if there is a standard for the lines that go in for volleyball, etc. for colors? That was brought up by physical education.

Dean states there were 3 requests by physical education, basketball, volleyball and badminton. Those are the 3 courts they wanted stripped. We have a color for each one. They chose the 3 colors. Basketball is in dark green. P.E. department chose the three courts and the colors.

9. PROGRAM MANAGERS REPORT

Jim states he received the letters regarding the sole sourcing of the phone system from the Superintendent that were forwarded back in July, 2015 and I will be forwarding those to the State tomorrow. Ed Arum and I will be scheduling with John Wilcox another meeting for next week to do another ED046 drawdown. Ed has been monitoring the status of the payment. I talked to him today and he still has not seen the payment go forward to the Town of Enfield however, it usually happens by the 19th so he is expecting that to happen tomorrow or Monday. I continue to work on cash flow, I just received some revised numbers from Amar on Gilbane's end. It is not an easy task. I will continue reviewing HAKS invoices and I need to have a meeting with them to review the findings of my review. I will be attending a couple of move meetings next week. I walked through area A today and the progress is moving forward quite well. I am pleased of where we are in the progress of the project.

Randy thanks Jim. He has been working diligently and attending a lot of meetings. He is very pleased.

10. PROGRAM CONSULTANT REPORT

George states we had a scheduled moving meeting on Tuesday morning at 8:30 at Fermi and at 3:30 we will meet with Dr. Schumann. I have a meeting scheduled with Andy Longey on FF&E. I want to get down on paper the location of the people coming into the building. After the 8:30 meeting, Katherine from Dean's office is going to meet with me to further refine that because she's the interior designer and located and placed all the different items. Everyone comes to me because I was an end user. I do my investigations. Some changes were now that you see it, it doesn't work.

11. CMR REPORT

Amar states we are at 511 safe work days and things are moving extremely well on the project. We have about 120-130 trade workers on site. We are working 2 shifts and probably wrapping up the 2nd shift as early as tomorrow. We are about 99% complete on abatement. A wing demolition is substantially complete. We are digging up the tunnel lower level for underslab plumbing. D wing demolition is moving really well. We have about 20 feet of the old auditorium that has to get removed. It is a structurally very complicated piece to demo. We do have to build a temporary interior wall across the auditorium in order to take out the old section of the building. In the A wing we are painting on the 3rd floor, we are looking to start ceilings on the 3rd floor as early as the 29th and flooring will probably be late March, early April. Things are progressing extremely well on the 2nd floor. All the MEP systems, HVAC, piping, ductwork is progressing very well. On the exterior of the building on the west side we are taking out substantial amount of the façade to put in new windows and new curtain wall systems. In the gymnasium area we are bringing in new air handling units, they are coming in Monday. There will be a big crane to bring those in. It will take about a week to bring those units in. All the duct work is also on site. The gym locker room areas are going really well. We just finished the bleacher sections. We are looking to start the refinishing area of the flooring as early as next week. All of the lifts are on site, 3 out of the 4 are completely installed and being wired tomorrow. One small lift being installed tomorrow. The compressor is on site. Things are going very quiet on the school end. I want to thank everyone for allowing us to work within such a congested area. Traffic wise has been relatively quiet. Things are moving very well. The move management meeting is next week to start planning out the big move.

Tim asks when will be kids be able to use the lifts?

Amar states they are completing the set up as early as tomorrow, then the wiring. I'm hoping for as early as Tuesday to get the lifts operational and should be able to utilize them.

Amar states the compressor is on site and we're setting it up tomorrow. We have piping and electrical infrastructure that has to be installed as well.

Greg asks if there are any unexpected surprises in the ground where the old shop was?

Amar states no, nothing to bring to the table. Things are going really well, we are going to start digging as early as next week in that area as well as the area on the south side of the auditorium. The entire canopy is gone and the hallway is gone. No far, no surprises.

Greg asks, in your best estimate are we in good shape for the students for August?

Amar states yes you are. We have one complicated piece to finish and that is the stair tower in the back. The structural steel is up and we are confident that will come together, as well. We don't anticipate any issues. It is moving well.

Tim asks are there any other P.O.'s that are outstanding?

Amar states not on our end. The phone system will become important to make sure they get released in a timely manner. I believe Paul Russell is following up on those.

Tim states we are hoping we don't have another snafu like that one. The biggest issue is I hope the Town is dealing with is we don't run into the issues of getting the C.O.'s. I know you will tell us if there is anything going on.

Amar states yes. We are forecasting the best we can. Again, we are finishing up the building top level down. It's makes it easier for us, the building stays clean. We will have a plan as to what is coming out of Fermi, what's coming out of E wing here and where it's going. We will plan proactively so we can move some of the furniture in earlier so it becomes a better, smoother move come August.

Tim states thank you Amar for everything you have done, we really appreciate it.

12. WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT REPORT

None

13. COMMUNICATION SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT

Donna Szewczak went to a DPW meeting today and they couldn't say enough about how wonderful the communication is with this building committee to the community as to what is going on and how everything is progressing. They have been watching this and how this referendum passed and what people need today for communication.

Randy states everything we do is transparent.

Gina states residents have been sharing pictures, also.

14. OLD BUSINESS:

Motion made by Joe Muller to Correct WB Meyer Invoice 1442-15/2 dated December 31, 2015, \$440.00 due to error

Seconded by Ginny Austin

Motion passes by a show of hands

Motion made by Joe Muller to Amend the Meeting Minutes of February 4, 2016 to reflect this Change,
Reject WB Meyer

Seconded by Ginny Austin

Motion passes by a show of hands

15. NEW BUSINESS:

Randy states the following were discussed, reviewed and approved at the budget sub-committee meeting.

Motion made by Joe Muller to Approve Gilbane Building Company Invoice Number 33, dated January 31, 2016, in the amount of \$644,689.00

Seconded by Gina Sullivan

Amar states when we submitted our requisition at the last meeting, the demo contractor was behind in submitting his portion of it, so he could not make the cut as far as timing. We had to prepare a separate requisition which this is. He is 98% complete.

Motion passes by a show of hands

Motion made by Joe Muller to Approve InterScape Invoice Number 3260-0, dated December 31, 2015, in the amount of \$34,567.14

Seconded by Gina Sullivan

Motion passes by a show of hands

Motion made by Joe Muller to Reject William B. Meyer, Inc., Invoice COM-1442-15/3, dated January 31, 2015, in the amount of \$3,000.00

Seconded by Gina Sullivan

Amar states they are contracted through Gilbane.

Motion passes by a show of hands

Motion made by Joe Muller to Table HAKS Engineers, P.C., Invoice CT0283-032, dated December 22, 2015, in the amount of \$9,046.54

Seconded by Gina Sullivan

Motion passes by a show of hands

Motion made by Joe Muller to Table HAKS Engineers, P.C., Invoice CT0283-031, dated December 16, 2015, in the amount of \$262.24

Seconded by Gina Sullivan

Motion passes by a show of hands

Motion made by Joe Muller to Add to the Agenda – ATP0164 - Estimated – Invert of Existing Sanitary in A Building, in the amount of \$9,064.00

Seconded by Gina Sullivan

Motion passes by a show of hands

Motion made by Joe Muller to Approve ATP0164 – Estimated – Invert of Existing Sanitary in A Building, in the amount of \$9,064.00

Seconded by Gina Sullivan

Motion passes by a show of hands

Motion made by Joe Muller to Approve ATP0135 – Final – Vermiculate Insulation in Existing Walls, in the amount of \$15,463.00

Seconded by Gina Sullivan

Motion passes by a show of hands

Motion made by Joe Muller to Approve ATP0143 – Final – Gym Grilles, in the amount of \$7,199.00

Seconded by Gina Sullivan

Motion passes by a show of hands

Motion made by Joe Muller to Approve ATP0151 – Fixed – Rated Chase and Access Panel per AHJ, in the amount of \$3,379.00

Seconded by Gina Sullivan

Motion passes by a show of hands

Motion made by Joe Muller to Approve ATP0152 – Fixed – Contaminated Materials in D-Wing, in the amount of \$15,006.00

Seconded by Gina Sullivan

Motion passes by a show of hands

Motion made by Joe Muller to Approve ATP0153 – Estimated – Demo Existing Slab and Provide New Slab infill, in the amount of \$19,263.00

Seconded by Gina Sullivan

Motion passes by a show of hands

Motion made by Joe Muller to Approve ATP0154 – Estimated – Electrical and Mechanical Sketches per Permit Comments, in the amount of \$32,293.00

Seconded by Gina Sullivan

Motion passes by a show of hands

Motion made by Joe Muller to Approve ATP0155 – Estimated – Detail Through Gym Vestibule at Door B-025, in the amount of \$16,430.00

Seconded by Gina Sullivan

Motion passes by a show of hands

Motion made by Joe Muller to Approve ATP0159 – Estimated – Fire Department Standpipes at E-A Connection and Stair C-ST1, in the amount of \$33,050.00

Seconded by Gina Sullivan

Motion passes by a show of hands

Motion made by Joe Muller to Approve ATP0160 – Estimated – Area E Automatic Door Closers, in the amount of \$10,198.00

Seconded by Gina Sullivan

Motion passes by a show of hands

Motion made by Joe Muller to Approve ATP0161 – Estimated PR 99 and RFI 894 I.T. Coordination, in the amount of \$29,826.00

Seconded by Gina Sullivan
Motion passes by a show of hands

Motion made by Joe Muller to Approve ATP0162 – Estimate – Opening and Rebuild of Penthouse Walls for AHU (air handling unit) Access, in the amount of \$15,863.00

Seconded by Gina Sullivan
Motion passes by a show of hands

Motion made by Joe Muller to Add to the Agenda Silver Petrucelli's 5th Installment for Hazardous Material CA and Soil Testing, in the amount of \$161,000.00

Seconded by Gina Sullivan
Motion passes by a show of hands

Motion made by Joe Muller to Approve Silver Petrucelli & Associates 5th Installment for Hazardous Material CA and Soil Testing, in the estimated amount of \$161,000.00

Seconded by Gina Sullivan
Motion passes by a show of hands

Motion made by Joe Muller to Add to the Agenda CSG Invoice Number 1, dated January 11, 2016, in the Amount of \$8,366.11

Seconded by Gina Sullivan
Motion passes by a show of hands

Motion made by Joe Muller to Approve CSG Invoice Number 1, dated January 11, 2016, in the amount of \$8,366.11

Seconded by Gina Sullivan
Motion passes by a show of hands

Motion made by Joe Muller to Add to the Agenda CSG Invoice Number 2, dated February 8, 2016, in the amount of \$10,112.35

Seconded by Gina Sullivan
Motion passes by a show of hands

Motion made by Joe Muller to Approve CSG Invoice Number 2, dated February 8, 2016, in the amount of \$10,112.35

Seconded by Ginny Austin
Motion passes by a show of hands

Randy states he would like to bring something to the table this evening, a discussion and bring to a vote. We've talked about this at some point. This topic has been a touchy topic for a while but it's something to be resolved because things need to be purchased. I am talking about the band and sports uniforms. I want to give everybody the chance to talk about it but I want to lay some things out first. We have several million dollars in our contingency, or else I would not feel comfortable making a recommendation to move forward with this. We have been doing our estimated cash flows on what has been projected costs, we know what we have, we know what we're going to be spending. We're at a comfortable level, we started doing requests with Mr. Rypysc, to contact the end users on their wish lists. Dean is providing us things that we value engineered out that we can put back in, possibly. We're getting costs on replacing all the furniture that we weren't able to replace. We have all these things in

motion and we still have a good comfort level with that said. My opinion on the band and sports uniforms is we're providing a school facility for everybody. This is in my opinion no different than buying laptops or chairs. Some kids will use it, some kids won't. Not all kids use the computers, some won't. I would rather have a school open with unified teams that look presentable. Yes, it should have been covered in previous budgets, that is something that we are going to make them aware of. They are also looking at possibly have lacrosse in the future. What I'd like to project is allow the Board of Education purchase the uniforms and at a certain point, we will reimburse up to \$225,000.00. I would like to, if this does pass, go to the Board of Education as a committee and present it to them. Due to the committees due diligence, the teams due diligence, the hard work of every single one of our committees members and liaisons we'd be able to come up with this cost for the children. I want everyone to be recognized, if it does pass, to be part of that. I don't want to go there myself, I want it to be presented to the Town in a public forum and I'd like to have everybody there if this does pass. I'd like to hear your feedback from everybody and then I'd like to bring it to a vote, if possible. Again, my opinion is it is for the kids. It's a crappy situation that they had to rely on us, I don't want the kids to hurt because of it.

Donna asks if it is band and sports?

Randy states yes.

Gina asks can you explain the last part of what you said, as far as us going, because I'd like to have it known who approached our committee and asked for this?

Randy states the Board of Ed asked because it wasn't in their budget, they failed to put it in their budget and no matter what they said they were going to do at our public meetings that we had none of it was followed through. That's why as a committee I'd like go and recognize everybody and like you said explain why. If the money comes from our purse or the Town's purse, it's all taxpayer money. They're paying for it either way. I would hate to send the money back to the Town the Board of Ed get theirs and then say oh we have money. You guys should be recognized. You guys are spending thousand of hours volunteering, you guys should be recognized for doing your due diligence.

Gina asks what happens come a year from now and we run short? Who is going to help us?

Randy states we know where we're going to be. We have it projected and we have several million dollar buffer beyond that. Unless we foolishly spend which we've never done, everything we've done is so transparent that I don't think there is a problem giving a \$225,000.00 commitment.

Wendy states or a huge unexpected unforeseen circumstances.

Randy states we are pretty much beyond the huge unforeseens.

Amar states at this stage of the game, typically the process works. In our GMP there is the CM contingency. We are about 70% to 75% complete. Our contingency still at about 85% plus intact. At this stage of the game typically we release some of that contingency. That's why we are at risk. The risk is getting reduced as we percent complete, approach close to the finish line. The risk is lower now. More knows, less unknowns. As we do the demolition, as we do the abatement. Some of those are behind us. As far as the contingency is concerned it's still available. We are at a comfort level that we can release some of that funds back to the Town and other funds to allow to do some of those enhancements. Otherwise you could reach the end of the project in a year from now and you have all

these additional funds available then we say we should have used it for something else. Then we're gone and the timing isn't right. We are working together to try to figure out or approach certain aspects of the project of where the money can be utilized in a better fashion. Now recognize as there is the whole reimbursement factor from the State which Jim is bringing to the table to look at some of these allocations to make sure you maximize your reimbursement, so you have to be careful which areas you want to approach.

Wendy states one I'm very disappointed we're in this position, there were several things along the way the Town, whether that be the Board of Ed or the Town Council promised and we didn't get. Two it's all about these kids and I think it would be horrific with all of the other stress that will probably come from combining the two schools together in the Fall, I think that would really be horrific if they didn't have nice uniforms for the band and the sports. So, because we are in the financial position to be able to do so, if we were in the yellow I wouldn't support it. The money will eventually end up going back to the Town if we don't spend it and if we were going to be presented with options on how we might still spend it while we still had control of it, I think this is a worthwhile effort. Should we be in this position? No. But, is it the right thing to do right now? In my opinion, yes. I will be supporting this. We need to get those things ordered so they are here. We can't drag our feet anymore. They don't get ordered, they're not going to be here.

Gina states it's not us dragging our feet.

Wendy states I understand, I mean we can't let this drag out anymore. We have the ability to solve this problem right now, be it right or wrong, what should have, could have, would have happened. We have the ability to solve it right now and I feel for the kids sake. None other, not to save face for anybody. Not to look like the hero. I'm not looking for any huge recognition for this. I just think it's the right thing to do for the kids and I will support it for that reason.

Ginny states my concern is I certainly agree with Wendy we want to spend the money for the kids. That's why when Dean brought that list up, my concern is George, I don't know what you're hearing, I don't know what the teachers are saying they need and they're not going to get. I don't want that backlash to come saying oh gee, Mr. Rypysc said oh no we can't have that, it's a done deal and yet Building Committee went and safe face for the Board of Ed and spent over 200 grand for uniforms.

Randy states I don't he's saying no to is stuff that will enhance the classroom. It is the wish list, I don't want to say ridiculous stuff but some over extreme things.

Wendy states nice to have, not need to have. Wendy states you need to have uniforms.

Randy states some of these teachers aren't going to be in the classrooms that they are in right now once the school is there. So, it's like you're not going to be here next year.

Ginny states and that's fine. I'm saying this globally. I'm looking at what we have left in the contingency. Tonight there was \$70,000.00 that went right quick. We still have the auditorium to do. I'm a little hesitant on that.

Randy states we asked for the wish list so we will be getting that and presenting it to everybody. It's everything from band equipment to different chairs, couches inside the lobby. Things that we value engineered out at the beginning.

Wendy states I want to add one more comment to what I said before though, because we are doing this for those students that participate in music and participate in sports, not all students participate in music and sports, so as we are looking at the other wish lists or we have this money left over that we can even come up ideas what to do with I want to make sure we take that into consideration we've already done something for them, the musicians, the athletes. How else can we do something more for the student population, other groups? We keep in mind that we've already, it's like when I spend Christmas money on my kids, I spend \$200, \$300, per kid, I have to look at the next one and make sure.

Tim states I know I'm a liaison but I'd like to put my 2 cents in. I'm sure we made the request. I've been on the board, this is my 5th year. We have never had the kind of money to do it, we would buy uniforms one team at a time during the year. To buy music uniforms that last about 15 years, they last longer than computers.

Lynn states give or take 15 years.

Tim states it's a huge expense. It is something that you would have to plan for over years.

Gina states you had 3 years.

Tim states you would just not get, don't get that kind of money. Getting back to why I'm on the Board of Ed, I ran for one reason, to see this building finished. You guys have done such a great job, I'm proud of it. What I'm not proud of is the way schools and such we let our buildings go, more than I would want them to be. I'm very, very proud and the comments I hear from people I meet all around town, they're proud of it. That's good for this Town. I don't want us to see us drop this ball. There is blame to go around everywhere. That doesn't do any good. I just want to get to September. We will have a marching band and that they're as proud as we are, parents are, our teams to go out on the field are just as proud. As you folks said it's the right thing to do. I can blame anybody we want here, it's not going to solve the problem. The problem is they have to be ordered by March 1st and we have to stagger the order for the sports uniforms season by season. We're able to do that. This decision has to be made soon.

Laura states so just another thing I would add having been on the booster club for football, in the past we have needed new uniforms and we have gone to the athletic department to get them they haven't always had the funding to get them. So, it's been put on the booster club to raise money and try to buy uniforms. We bought new football jerseys. I know the basketball team bought their own uniforms at one point. So, I'm disappointed that a budget was put forward and it didn't include money for new uniforms and I don't understand why that wouldn't have been included.

Tim asks which budget was put forward?

Randy states any. This isn't a surprise.

Gina states we have been doing this for 3 years, I think that's what my frustration is. The referendum passed in 2012. The lack of planning, uniforms, I could go on. I have a son that is going to be a senior next year so I'm not just wearing the building committee hat, but when I put my mother hat on watch it.

Laura states so when I say when it wasn't included in budgets, why there wasn't some forethought around how are we going to pay for some of these and why wasn't it included in the Board of Ed budget or somewhere it should be a line item and it's not from what I understand.

Gina states has Board of Ed asked the Town Council for this?

Tim states I'm sure they haven't.

Gina states you're Board of Ed, you don't know?

Tim states we wouldn't go to the Town Council en masse and ask them. What would happen is the Superintendent and the Chairman of the Board and the mayor and so on would meet and I know those conversations have taken place.

Gina states so it's actually not the Board of Ed that came up with this it's the leadership or the Superintendent, Mayor.

Tim states he will double check.

Laura states so what I would say is all politics aside it is the right thing to do for the athletes, the band members. For the kids that don't play sports go to watch their teams play they want to feel good about who they go to watch.

Ginny states a good point to bring up is because the building committee is entertaining it and putting it before the building committee because we are combining two high schools. So, it's somewhat yes would it have been nice if it had been in the budget for the last 3 years building up towards this. However, now the logo is going to be different so they are going to come out as a unified one high school. Looking at it that way I wouldn't want to put it out there, I don't want to say advertise it, I think be careful how we put it out there so people don't start coming to members saying what about this and how come you didn't include that. Now you're doing uniforms.

Randy states he agrees. I didn't want to not put it out there and then people hear. The rumors run rampant to begin with. I think if we go up there as a committee and say shame on you for putting us in this spot but in spite of you guys we were able to and then do it. I thought of that, but then it's going to get out there. I'd rather us get up there, the committee as a whole get the credit and no rumors.

Ginny states this is time sensitive as opposed to something that might come up later on.

Gina asks what does that mean?

Ginny states we have to order.

Lynn states I have a child who is a musician. Those band uniforms, first of all, if you get them by September it'll be a miracle. It will eat up 90% of your \$225,000.00. Because, the band uniforms cost more than anything else. Yes, they last 15 years. This is all really hard for me. I look at it from all the points of view that you have already looked at. But, I also look at it from our charge as a building committee. If we do this and we take ownership of it, and I believe we should take ownership of it and we come up with some unforeseen something somewhere down the line, and we do not have the

\$225,000.00 that we give to someone else there is a good chance we could be legally liable for it. You all need to be aware of the legality of it. The Board of Ed is but we as a Town. The Board of Ed members are the only one who get elected and could actually lose their house. Most people don't know that. Nobody is going to take us as a committee member to court but that court of public opinion, you all have to think about it. I have been advocating for arts from day one of this. I have gone to the extreme of looking up whether or not uniforms are covered under FF&E. I can't find anything that tells me they are not. I can't find anything that tells me they are, though. I have read our charge, I have read the referendum question, I have done research on it. There is nothing telling me it's legal, there is nothing telling me it's illegal. But, I am really ambivalent about this. I think we are opening up something that every special interest group within our high school community is going to come to us. Robotics is going to be at the door in 2 seconds.

Wendy states they are not a curriculum, they are a club.

Randy states exactly.

Lynn states they might as well be curriculum.

Randy states but they are not.

Gina states this isn't curriculum.

Lynn states the point is they are opening up a can of worms and for me to say that I'm going to vote against music is about the hardest thing that I can do. But, I will not support this because I do not believe that it is the right thing for us as a building committee to do. I will catch flack for it when it gets out and I know it.

Ginny asks is that because it's a timing issue? I'm thinking because at the end you were saying the wish list. So, that's on the wish list.

Lynn states right.

Ginny states so when would we come about to look at that wish list?

Randy states we have been and we are accumulating it now.

Ginny states but we're not voting on anything else at this point.

Randy states correct, this is the only thing that is time sensitive. Part of it has to be ordered in March.

Donna asks what about Bond Council? They can answer the question whether it is on your charge. You have two limits, your overall gross limit then you have your overall Enfield money limit which is your \$35 million. Are we watching both things?

Randy states right, yes.

Donna states your watching both things, so you are comfortable. Do you want to go to Bond Council and have them give us a definitive answer on this?

Lynn states Bond Council are the people that are legally looking at the bonding.

Donna states they can also tell you what you can do.

Lynn states whether or not it's part of the bond. They can give you the legal answer. I am not an expert on any of this area, I personally would be more comfortable if an answer was given even if it's after the vote.

Donna states we buy textbooks and we buy equipment for the foreign language labs and that is covered because we are doing a school. So there are different avenues.

Lynn states that is why I said this has been a hard thing for me to talk about and think about. I have been thinking about it since it was first brought forward. I am past the blame game. I'm more about opening up Pandora's box.

Ginny asks as far as other requests from other areas?

Lynn states yes.

Randy states that's something I think we should entertain. Like Wendy said it's something we should entertain.

Wendy states let folks know we're putting together a list, it looks like we're going to have a surplus, we're putting together a wish list. It would have been nice if we could have waited until the end to make sure we spread everything out equally amongst, touching as much students as we can, but this can't wait because if they're not ordered right now we're even in jeopardy as it is for getting them in on time. So, because of the number of students who do participate in band and athletics and because of the timing sensitivity, okay, we're going to move forward if we chose to go ahead and move forward and approve this. And as I said we will then take into consideration either the entire student population or all the other special interest groups when we look at the wish list and make sure we are taking care of everybody to the best of our ability. I think that is the best we can do.

Laura states so 2 questions, \$225,000.00 do we know that covers all the uniforms?

Randy states yes, talking with them they said it is including the potential lacrosse.

Laura states band and all of the varsity and J.V., freshman, everybody?

Randy states yes.

Laura states second question is do we have to do it all at once? So by March 1st I'm assuming to order?

Randy states band March 1st then they're doing the sport that is coming up next.

Tim states Fall sports would have to be ordered first. Football, then we move on to the next one. We'll stagger it a couple of months so we can get them in. We've had guarantees so that we can have them on site, in time by everybody.

Lynn states I've been through band purchasing with uniforms before and they were guaranteed on site, on time and they came in 2 months later.

Laura states so can I finish my question? Do we have to approve the full amount? Or can we do Fall sports now.

Randy states we don't know.

Laura states we should know if they are going to place the order March 1st.

Randy states I'd rather say it all. I'd hate to see the last one doesn't get anything. I'd rather do it all or not. I know what you're saying. I'd rather say we'd do all the sports. I understand what you're saying. I know nothing is a guarantee. For us to spend several million dollars from here out we'd have to spend \$500,000.00 a week.

Gina asks did you say we did get all new furniture? I didn't know that happened.

Randy states that is part of what we're anticipating going on the list.

Gina states a wish list so we give this money right away and our furniture sits on a wish list, stuff happens then the furniture gets pushed aside again.

Randy states it's not like we don't have furniture.

Gina states we couldn't get all new furniture because we couldn't afford it.

Randy states right, but not all the furniture needs to be replaced. That's what we're saying, we went through and did the inventory. Ones that we felt needed to get done right away. The other ones are maybe a couple of years old or doesn't need it done.

Lynn states a perfect example would be these tables right here.

Randy states do these need to be replaced? No, but in the wish list they all are.

Gina states I saw some ugly furniture move over here.

Wendy states the difference is the furniture that we're going to be reutilizing, it can be utilized. They cannot take two separate sets of uniforms from two different schools. That's why some of it is considered a wish list. I don't consider this a wish list. It is a risk. I'm always talking about risk. There is always a risk, I get that.

Gina states it's very disappointing.

Lynn states I think you're right about one thing they cannot combine their band uniforms. They have one part of their band uniforms if worst came to worst they could combine bottoms. But, hopefully that won't happen.

Tim states they actually looked at that. In all honestly I think we're looking at the question the wrong way. The question is, is it the right thing to do for the kids. The other thing is what happens if we don't do it. I'm telling you flat out what I know about the budget, we have a 24% increase in health insurance and that's killing us. That is only part of what's out there. Your problem is our problem. It does affect our budget. You know what our budget is, you've been to all the meetings. We have not gotten the budget we have asked for and we end up cutting every single year. I'm sitting here from my prospective and saying all this work that we've done for 6 years and it's probably the most united thing we've ever done in this community. I don't want to walk into this thing next Fall and don't see the kids dressed out the way they should be. I wish I could find the money, I do. I don't see it there.

Walter states I agree with you 100%.

Lynn states I will say this, I hope \$225,000.00 is enough. When Fermi bought new uniforms in 1999-2000, they spent over \$100,000.00 for a band that is half the size of what we will be purchasing for.

Gina states they will come back and ask for more.

Lynn states that is one of the things I am worried about, they will come back and say we want more.

Laura asks do we have to vote on this tonight?

Randy states yes.

Lynn states we won't have another meeting until after March.

Laura states I would like to see what the \$225,000.00, how does that, because what Lynn is saying makes me nervous. At one of the meetings I thought I heard a band parent say a band uniform cost \$1,500.00 per person.

Lynn agrees.

Laura states she's saying yes, you're saying no.

Randy states it does not. I saw the list and it does not.

Laura asks what does it cost?

Randy states around \$450.00 is what I saw.

Laura states and they are saying 120 band members?

Randy states I wouldn't put this out if I honestly didn't feel one we had the money and two it's not the right thing.

Laura states what I don't feel comfortable about is the \$225,000.00, does it cover everything and can we get that list at some point?

Tim states you get the list and if it's not enough then the burden is on us, the school board.

Laura states you say the burden is on you, will those other sports teams get their uniforms?

Randy states it might be easy for them to come up with \$20,000.00 to cover the sports as opposed to \$225,000.00.

Donna asks how long do the uniforms last?

Laura states it depends on the sport.

Tim states band uniforms 12-15 years.

Donna states my problem is the Town Council hasn't been asked yet. If you're telling me they are going to last 15 years I'm all for it.

Gina asks what do you mean?

Donna states the money is bonded for 15 year, right Randy?

Randy states I believe it is 10 years.

Gina states you guys weren't asked for money?

Donna states no.

Tim states I know the Mayor has talked about it. I know from the conversations, they've talked about it.

Donna states the full council has not talked about it.

Walter states that is something you need to bring up.

Donna states I think you've reached a point where you probably need to pass it. But I think I need to bring it to Town Council and tell them what you have passed.

Randy states they are aware of it.

Gina states well she's not.

Walter states you need to talk to your people, because your people aren't talking to you.

Donna states conversations go on.

Laura states nothing formally presented.

Donna states right.

Laura states so there has been discussions. So you can say people knew about it but it hasn't been formally presented.

Donna states I really thing the money should be spent here from this budget, I think there is money here in this budget but I think the Town Council should be aware that there is a fear that if something devastating should happen things should be coming to the Town Council.

Gina states our rescue like they are coming to theirs.

Donna states right. You would need rescue at that point. What good is the money going to do when it's done.

Wendy states I will stand up at the Town Council meeting if we get to the end of this thing and we're \$225,000.00 or more short from what we need I will go to public speaking and I will stand up in front of a Town Council meeting and I will remind them that in February of 2016 through whatever situations occurred we ended up looking like we were going to have enough left over to do this.

Gina states it will be a whole new brand new Town Council.

Wendy continues there are no guarantees in life and it may be time to vote on it unless anyone has a really valid question. Because we all have our opinions.

Gina states yes, let's vote.

Ginny states the only question I have then is if the Town Council is not aware.

Randy states they are.

Ginny continues some of the Town Council is not aware are they going to come back and say we over stepped our charge?

Lynn states that is my concern.

Ginny states that is what Lynn brought up.

Randy states I have had conversations with Lead Democrat, Lead Republican and Scott.

Gina asks who is the Lead Republican? What do you mean from Town Council or Board of Ed?

Randy states well Gina from the liaison, she's on the democrat side and Scott is the Chair he's on the republican side. And, he spoke with the other members. I don't know why you're saying you're not because I know you were part of this conversation that I had, so I don't know why you're saying you're not notified.

Donna states I'm saying the Town Council has not discussed this.

Randy states not formally discussed but you're aware of it because you were in these conversations.

Donna states me being aware doesn't make the Town Council aware and participating.

Randy states what are they going to do? They're not voting on anything.

Donna states they're not.

Randy states exactly.

Walter states it wasn't brought to your meetings. It wasn't necessary to be brought to your meetings.

Gina states so should this have not been brought to all of us? Only a select few?

Randy states this was brought to every single.

Gina states I know it was, but you're saying it should be brought to an entire Town Council.

Walter states it was brought to the members but the members didn't bring it in front of the public and cameras.

Randy states every single one of them know about it.

Lynn states it is called calling the question.

Laura asks do we have to add it to the agenda?

Lynn states no.

Ginny asks do we make a motion?

**Motion Made by Joe Muller to Approve the Purchase of Band and Sports Uniforms in the amount of \$225,000.00 – Not to Exceed
Seconded by Ginny Austin**

Lynn asks for a roll call vote.

Motion Passes 6 – 2

Walter states on behalf of the Board of Ed, we'd like to thank you very much.

Motion made by Greg Strich to Cancel the Regular Meetings of February 25, 2016 and March 3, 2016 Meeting

Seconded by Ginny Austin

Motion passes by a show of hands

NEXT MEETING IS MARCH 10 2016

18. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

19. COMMITTEE COMMENTS
Liaison Comments:

Committee Comments:

20. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to Adjourn by Greg Strich
Seconded by Joe Muller
Motion passes by a show of hands

Adjourned at 8:45 P.M.