

Pre-Referendum High School Consolidation Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
May 10, 2012

A meeting of the Pre-Referendum High School Consolidation Committee was held at Enfield High School Library, located at 1264 Enfield Street, Enfield, CT on May 10, 2012.

1.     **CALL TO ORDER**             The meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM by  
Maureen Brennan

2.     **ROLL CALL**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**     Judy Apruzzese-Desroches, Maureen Brennan, Brien  
Brown, John Dague, Pat Droney, Robert Hunt, Wendy  
Osada, Steve Sargalski, Bill Schultz

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**     Randy Daigle, Kyle Kalagher, Tina LeBlanc,  
Greg Stokes

**ALSO PRESENT:**         Art Pongratz, Genaro Sepulveda, Silver/Petrucelli &  
Associate Representative

3.     **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion to accept Minutes of May 3, 2012 by Brien Brown

Seconded by Pat Droney

Abstained by Maureen Brennan, Judy Apruzzese-Desroches, Robert Hunt

Motion Passes by a show of hands

4.     **OLD BUSINESS**

Promotional Efforts: Pat Droney left a message at Asnuntuck Radio and possibly getting together for Mr. Kiner's show. He will follow up. Ms. Brennan asked about publicity to the teachers. She feels the elementary teachers have not received enough information. Pat Droney explained we talked about this last week and some ideas were to put the trifold that will be created in the teachers' room. Wendy Osada stated we will put the trifold in the elementary school teachers' room. List the top five bullet points. Maureen asked who is taking the lead on the flyer. Art stated that Randy is working with the Architect on that. Wendy stated that we are going to put in the tax information (per household). Maureen stated that the topic does come up. Can we email the teachers? Judy states that we need to state the facts, not opinions. Pat stated we will reach out to the PTO's. Judy stated it is this years 3<sup>rd</sup> graders. Brien stated that if the students ask, he is showing them the plans. Judy stated we need to create a fact list. Post it in the Town Hall, Senior Center, two public Libraries. Paste it up by the doors in the schools like the reorganization maps. Maureen states it is getting to be a tough time in the schools, summer approaching. Wendy stated we talked about having an assembly for the Senior Class. Mr. Brown stated it is difficult to do assemblies in school this time of year due to exam schedules. Mr. Schultz agrees we should put information in the public libraries. Wendy agrees we need to get information out. Create something all on one page. Possibly an easel. Architect suggests two

Photoshop boards, one of the site plan, one of images. Wendy asks if they need a count of how many to create. Art states we need 16, to include Headstart, 7 elementary schools, JFK, 2 high schools.

**Wendy Osada made a Motion to have renderings created by the Architect  
Seconded by Judy Apruzzese-Desroches  
Motion Passes**

Maureen asks what is the cost to have the renderings created. Architect states it is approximately \$20-\$30 per board. Pat states could we be at the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration. Just have the trifold, have information, have the renderings. Maureen states it may have to be a PAC. Judy states we need to know where the PAC starts. I agree we need to get the information out. You need commitment from people to be there for 2 full days.

Update on Website: Art states there is nothing new to report. Pat asks who is the contact to get it going. Art replies Deb or Technology. Maureen states it is not working. Wendy asks who will follow up. Art states that Randy will meet with Deb. Wendy offers to email Randy.

Discussion - Bullet Points on Educational/Financial Advantage:

**Judy Apruzzese-Desroches moves to table to the next meeting The Discussion on Bullet Points on Educational/Financial Advantage of a Combined High School  
Seconded by Pat Droney  
Motion Passes**

Discussion – Report on Enabling Resolutions at TC and BOE, for Grant Application:  
Art states it passed at the Town Council meeting on Monday 11-0 and  
Passed at the Board of Education meeting on Tuesday 9-0

Art explained to Maureen what the resolutions were and the process. Judy states we are locking in the reimbursement rate. Art states we are locking in the enrollment number, also. Art and Bill discuss the correct procedure for filing for a grant.

Discussion – Phasing Plan & Estimate of Construction Schedule – Art states there are no changes from last week, no updates. Art states the reason it is on the agenda is that there was a lot of information distributed and just in case someone had questions. Judy and Maureen were not at the last meeting and would like a copy. Judy would like it on the agenda for next week. Architect offers to send information electronically.

**5. NEW BUSINESS**

Discussion/Vote – Setting Date For Next Community Conversation and Content:

Judy asks what audience do we want to address? Do we want to do it quickly or wait? Art states we will discuss content. Maureen suggests a different format. Possibly have it at JFK, round table discussions, four groups. Have plans posted. Relaxed. Easier to talk/dialog with the community. Steve suggests we concentrate on the educational piece. Art agrees. Mr. Droney states we need a timeline about the kids being impacted. Could we ask Dr. Gallacher and the 2 high school principals to create this. Wendy states this is a hard time of year in the schools. Could we do the Community Conversation in the fall? Maureen states once the grant is written we're done – August 6<sup>th</sup>. Judy suggests speaking to Kathy Zalucki to see dates available. A lot going on this time of year. Maureen states reaching the middle school is important. She continues that we should not vote on the date of the meeting, content, format until Randy Daigle is at the meeting. Judy asks what is the purpose of the meeting? Maureen states more details, curriculum, timeline for kids. Wendy agrees more details. John states that all curriculum proposals go through the curriculum office and then approved by the BOE. Steve talks about the common core state standards. Maureen states curriculum will match the building, our goals, the new high school curriculum. Bill states the goal of the Conversation should be curriculum, timeline, show the plans. We need to do it. Brien states we have senior exams coming up, award ceremonies, graduation rehearsals, graduation. We are jamming. Some committee member won't be able to come to Community Conversation. Maureen states we will let Randy look at dates and decide on the format. Brien states that Maureen should direct someone to look at dates. Maureen states she will do it and report back to the committee. Judy states regarding the format, she wants everyone to hear everything.

Architect Report – No movement. Always looking at costs. Costs are going up. Committee already approved 103 million. Be prepared for *what if* in a year from now. Be prepared and aware in each stage. Keep costs under control. Nothing is cast in stone. Constant fluxes as we move forward. You have efficiently used space. Wendy asks about the inflation factor. Tries to predict, but it's hard.

Discussion/Roll Call Vote:

**-Recommendation of the April 23, 2012 Program and Probable Cost Estimate to the Town Council and Board of Education for purpose of filing a Grant Application to the State of Connecticut Commissioner of Education, and related documentation – \$103,316.770.00**

**Motion By Maureen Brennan**

**Seconded by Steve Sargalski**

**Motion Passes by a roll call vote 9-0-0**

### **USER GROUP COMMENTS**

Mr. Schultz spoke about a concern that was brought to him by a band/music teacher. Teacher is concerned about location of the band room in relation to the field that he will practice on. He appreciates the constraints. Wanted to address the fact of where the equipment is stored and that

the students will have to walk through the building and down to the field to practice and then return, some with heavy/bulky instruments.

Mr. Schultz also reported the comments he heard regarding the Lamplighters costumes and props. They feel there is not enough storage. The Architect states there is sufficient space in the band suite. They will be pleased.

Art thanks the architects for the time they have given to this committee. Maureen agrees and thanks them. The architect states that he is impressed with this committee and the solidarity that it has shown. You are a unique, and special group.

### **GENERAL COMMENTS**

None

Motion to adjourn by Pat Droney  
Seconded by Wendy Osada  
Motion passes by a show of hands

Adjournment: 8:02 PM

Submitted by: Ellen Smith, Recording Secretary