

Lamprey River Elementary School Building Committee

Wednesday, January 13, 2021,

6:30 PM Minutes

I. Call to Order

Ken called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. In attendance were: Ken Hajjar, Marjorie Whitmore, Todd Ledoux, Rick Senecal, Tina McCoy, Laura Yacek, Carlos Maldonado, Beth Clark, Mike Manley and Kyle Barker.

II. Proof of Posting

Tina posted; public notice noted.

III. Approval of Minutes: Minutes of December 9, 2020 were approved without revisions. Mike made a motion, Rick seconded and all were in favor.

IV. Kyle discussed his meeting with Amy Clark. He did not prepare a high school land plan, because it does not work. He re-tooled the report for a K-4 building report.

Discussion of the demographics. Birth rates in general are on the decline. US population in general is not increasing like it was forecasted. 10 years ago, families had an average of 1.9 children and the 2020 census found that it was an average of 1.6 kids. School age children is on the decline.

Discussion between the members regarding keeping K-4 in elementary building. A lot of children/families are moving out of town. Is it because of the school district?

We don't have accurate numbers of people migrating to NH with children.

Kyle and Tina had a discussion with Amy Clark. Demographic study is important because the State won't fund anything larger than 120 sq. ft per student. Most schools are building at 140 sq. ft per student. We need to work on these details.

The State encourages the district to keep up the maintenance efforts to gain credibility for future. Raymond is @ 45% State Aid, which is down from 55% due to our town "wealth". When we apply for state aid, we get ranked and stay ranked until we get it. It is best to stay the course because aid is on a first come-first served basis.

Tina offered that we can propose whatever, and we only get reimbursed for "x" amount. The town picks up the cost of the overage. The sooner the better is the recommendation to submit the project.

The members discussed the new building vs. reno again. Discussion was held about the configuration and the fact that the School Board asked for a K-4 plan. We may have to recommend a K-3 Plan due to demographics and the size of the school.

Ken asked if we should make a plan for K-3. We will recommend to the Board that we will need to build K-3, as the middle school is plenty large enough for grades 4-8. The elementary K-3 is doing well, as is the 4-8 graders in the Middle school. Adjustment has been successful.

The Board reviewed Kyle's proposal for the rebuild at the current location for K-4. The cost for the reno is approximately \$10Million. It would be a major disruption in the school for an entire year.

A new building would cost between \$16-17Million vs. a \$10Million reno. The new building after aid would be approximately \$10Million cost to the taxpayers.

Kyle will finish his report for K-4 and he will come up with some numbers for K-3 for us.

The board still has to make the decision of a reno of K-3 or a new K-3 building. Final report from Kyle would be sent by 1/30/21

February meeting, the board will make decision to make recommendation for the agenda for upcoming school board meeting.

Next meeting is February 10, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

Ken asked for a Motion to Adjourn meeting. Mike M made motion; Rick Seconded and all were in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

Shelley Roy, Secretary