

**RTM Education Committee Meeting
September 16, 2019**

Clara Sartori called the meeting to order at 7:33 pm

Attending: Janet Grogan, Karen McNicoll, Curtis Butler, Barbara Thorne, Liza Lucas, Ed Washecka, Lucy Fiore, Theresa Vogt, Clara Sartori, Ann Reed, Petr Marousek

Absent: Carolina Mc Goey, Jay Hardison, Sarah Neumann, Sheila Sherwood

Minutes of the June 6th meeting were approved.

Clara Sartori noted that she had invited Superintendent Alan Addley to meet with the Education Committee tonight, but he is attending the Middlesex Open House. He has been invited to the next meeting on October 7.

Selectman Kip Koons and Board of Education Vice Chair Duke Dineen gave a presentation on the progress and plans of the Ox Ridge Building Committee. They showed the Education Committee a timeline for the project and potential sites for the building with pros and cons on the various sites related to time of construction and disruption issues. The Ox Ridge Building Committee has added 2 additional members with construction management experience and there are 10 ex officio members of the committee including the First Selectman, the Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Addley, Mike Lynch, the new business manager for the schools, Tara Ochman and Luke Forshaw, the Principal of Ox Ridge. Kip explained some the process of applying to the state for construction reimbursement and what elements of the new building would be eligible. The committee has engaged a commissioning agent who will make sure that all mechanical, electrical and plumbing functions work. The work will probably take slightly less than 2 years and the committee is hoping for the new school to open in August of 2022.

There was a discussion of removing the projected cost of the storage shed (\$250,000) from the Bond issue which had been approved by the RTM. Mr. Dineen explained that the shed could not be build where it was anticipated because of the high school cafeteria extension and the discovery of the power lines. Other storage sites had been cleaned out and enough room was created that the building of the shed is no longer needed.

Theresa Vogt moved that the committee approve the resolution to remove the \$250,000 from the Bond issuance, Ann Reed seconded and the vote was unanimous.

There was then discussion of the outstanding questions/items that the Education Committee had open with the Board of Education and how to pursue those issues. There was a review of the Memo send to the Board of Education by the CDSP and it was discussed that the memo discussed many of the same issues that the RTM Education Committee has with the Board of Education particularly around sports at the High School.

There was also a discussion of the format of the budget book generally and whether it could be made more user friendly and several members commented that New Canaan's BOE budget books are in a much clearer format. Discussion also ensued regarding security at the schools in general and at the high school in particular.

Janet Grogan brought up the cost of substitutes and that she is still looking for clarity as to how those costs are allocated.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was called by Ann Reed, Seconded by Theresa Vogt

Clara Sartori adjourned the meeting at 9:20 pm.

Respectfully, submitted,

Ann Reed
Filling in for Sarah Neumann.