

Port Chester-Rye Union Free School District
July 1, 2015
Special Meeting Minutes
Port Chester Middle School

Present: Board of Education Trustees: Carolee Brakewood, Robert Johnson, Anne Capeci, and James Dreves

Also Present: Superintendent of Schools Dr. Edward Klizsus, Assistant Superintendent Joseph Durney, Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds Ray Renda

Absent: Trustee Thomas Corbia, School District Attorney (Sisca Sisca and Associates) Frank Sisca, Assistant Superintendent for Business Maura McAward, and District Clerk Catherine Maggi

Mrs. Brakewood called the meeting to order at 3:12 pm. The pledge of allegiance was recited.

PRESIDENTS OPENING REMARKS

Mrs. Brakewood announced the topic of conversation.

DISCUSSION

Representative Joseph Fuller of the Board architectural firm Fuller D'Angelo presented bond options available to the Board as previously discussed on June 24, 2015. The process that led to the project recommendations included information gleaned from the following activities and sources:

1. Program needs based on educational consultant recommendations
2. Enrollment projections
3. Interviews of the principals to discuss program needs
4. Community needs
5. Middle School design aspects including the need for additional parking, connecting existing MS assets to the addition (i. e. kitchen, library, auditorium).
6. High School design aspects include:
 - a. Respecting existing architecture.
 - b. A stepped addition to lower addition profile
 - c. A National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) certified gym
 - d. Adequate facilities for the instrumental and vocal programs.
 - e. Sufficient educational program spaces
 - f. Addition connectivity to existing building.
7. The examination of data to inform decision making that resulted in selection of specific building concepts.
8. Let's "Build for Educational Success".

In regard to correlation of the educational program to the community the following was noted:

1. Tax investment and real estate value growth
2. A value-added student experience
3. A secure new courtyard at PCHS
4. New facilities for the "Pride of Port Chester" (marching band) and the overall instrumental and choral programs.
5. A NHFS rated basketball court in the new gym that seats 600.

PCHS addition features:

1. 14 new academic classrooms
2. 3 new science labs
3. New digital art and technology facilities
4. A NFHS championship sized gym
5. Full sized instrumental and choral music areas.
6. A rooftop educational area
7. Preservation of building's architectural integrity
8. Field access tunnels

Exterior Site addition features:

1. Synthetic turf field
2. New field bleachers

3. Secure courtyard
4. Maintain memorial bricks' plaza
5. New "twin" flags' plaza

Middle School Addition Features:

1. Separate grade 5 entrance
2. Covered entry
3. Additional parking
4. Improved site ingress/egress and traffic flow
5. New media center, art room, music rooms and cafeteria
6. Access to main building kitchen services and auditorium

JFK project features:

1. Media Center renovation

King Street project features:

2. Expanding parking facilities

Edison project features:

1. New synthetic surf playground area
2. Auditorium theatrical lighting

Park Ave project features:

1. Media Center renovation

Upcoming schedule:

November 17, 2015	Bond Vote
July 28, 2015	Bond preview
August 26, 2015	Bond presentation
Sept 29-Nov 17, 2015	Bond campaign

Upon Motion by Mrs. Brakewood, seconded by Mr. Johnson to move to executive session and carried, the Board moved to executive session at 5:00 pm to discuss employee contracts and personnel matters.

Upon Motion by Mrs. Brakewood, seconded by Mr. Johnson and carried the meeting was returned to public session and adjourned at 5:33 p.m.