

Wahconah Building Meeting Minutes

June 16, 2009

Meeting called to order by Jim Huebner at 7:00.

Present: Jim Huebner (chair), Billie Henderson, Jim Chivers, George Desmarais, Susan Carroll-Lombardi, Marge Foster, Jim Drawe, Marty Phillips, Jim Conro, Bill Goddard, Rita Furlong, Brent Arthaud and April Kelly (Cardinal Construction, Inc.), Robert Powell and Kerry Ryan (WRHS Athletics and Physical Wellness), April LeSage and Nicole Swegel (WRHS Science Dept.) .

Motion made by member Chivers and seconded by member Huebner

- To approve the minutes of the June 2, 2009 meeting.

Motion passed unanimously.

Additional Hall Lockers

- Berkshire Business Equipment found that 34 additional lockers can fit into the existing space, and gave the committee a quote of \$2,159 for lockers with no additional charge for installation.

Motion made by member Huebner and seconded by member Henderson

- To approve the expenditure of up to \$3,000 for 34 additional hall lockers to be provided by BBE.

Motion passed unanimously.

- **Action item:** Marge Foster will contact BBE to order the lockers.

Gym Floor

- Marge Foster reported that "The Sandman" was glad to hear that someone would be painting a center court emblem, and we had abandoned the idea of a decal.
- The Sandman will come this week for a site visit to see how the bleachers are attached to the floor.
- **Action item:** Marge Foster will get a demolition permit for the gym bleachers.

RFP for the Wahconah Athletic Facilities Project

- At a preliminary meeting, held June 9, teachers, coaches and members of the building committee created a list of needs for the athletic facilities project. Brent and April, from Cardinal Construction, had a few questions about the list of needs.

- A 25 meter, 8 lane swimming pool was the last item on a prioritized needs list. Brent suggested that if a pool is going to be part of this project, then we must seek an architectural firm with specialized experience with pools.
- There was discussion about community support for and the financial feasibility of a pool.
- **Action Item:** Robert P. will contact the athletic department at Tantasqua Regional High School, which operates a pool in their building, for information.
- **Action Item:** Marge F. will contact the business manager from the Tantasqua Regional School District concerning their experience with maintenance costs, etc. associated with the addition of a pool.
- **Action Item:** Robert P. will contact board members at the Dalton CRA to inquire as to their goals and long range plans concerning the pool that they operate, that currently serves our community. He will also ask about any potential coordinated efforts to build a pool between CBRSD and the Dalton CRA.
- It was noted that the Varsity Locker Rooms need to have direct outdoor access.
- There was discussion about new athletic facilities including a multi-purpose – racket ball/ squash/aerobic room. The new space might also meet the height requirements to accommodate a batting cage.
- It was noted that the athletic facilities are currently used by the community often.
- A common coach's room is needed with separate women and men's bathroom facilities. Currently there are 30 coaches, so this area should be able to accommodate 15 coaches at any given time.
- Storage space is a huge need, and Cardinal assured the committee that additional storage is relatively inexpensive space.
- Committee members will meet with Brent and April from Cardinal Construction, Inc. at least 2 times each month: 1 time with the full committee (1st Tues. or the month) and 1 time with an advisory committee.
- The athletic facility advisory committee will be: Robert Powell (chair), Kerry Ryan, Billie Henderson and Jim Chivers.
- Brent Arthaud suggested that any architectural firm that we hire to design the athletic facilities project, would be well qualified to do several of the projects listed under the "Green Wahconah Project", like windows, ceilings, etc. He suggested that hiring one designer for both of these projects would be most efficient.

RFP for the Green Wahconah Project

- The advisory committee for the Green Wahconah Project will be: Jim Drawe (chair), Bill Goddard, Marty Phillips, Nicole Swegel and April LeSage.
- There was a lot of discussion about the first objective proposed by the committee, and it was noted that there are 3 factors to consider: total capital expenditure (affect on the taxpayers), payback time of any energy saving project, and the overall reduction of the carbon footprint.
- During this discussion the motion was made and passed to extend the meeting for 15 minutes past 9 PM.

- Cardinal reported that the USDA posted a request for grants for wind turbines in rural areas. Jim Drawe reported that 2 of the towns in CBRSD qualify as “rural” for federal grants.
- Cardinal also noted that selecting an architect with successful HVAC experience may be one of the most challenging aspects of the designer selection process.
- **Action item:** Brent Arthaud and/or April Kelly will forward a communication plan and a draft RFP to Jim Huebner before our next meeting with Cardinal – July 7, 2009.

New Business

- **Action item:** George Desmarais will email the committee the information that he gathered from Reinhardt’s field work/site visit last Thursday concerning the exterior doors project. This is to prepare the committee for the meeting with them next week, Tuesday, June 23, 2009 at 7 PM.

Motion made by member Furlong and seconded by member Henderson

- To adjourn the meeting at 9:10 PM.

Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned.

Next meetings:

- Tuesday, **June 23, 2009, 7:00 PM** – Wahconah Library - Meeting with Reinhardt Associates - after their field work
- Tuesday, **July 7, 2009, 7:00 PM** – Wahconah Library – Meeting with Cardinal Construction, Inc.
- Tuesday, **July 21, 2009, 7:00 PM** – Wahconah Library