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Minutes of the December 10, 2013 Miller-Driscoll Building Committee

Building Committee members present: Bruce Hampson, Karen Birck, John Murphy, Ray Tobiassen, Jim Newton, Dick Dubow, Cheryl Jensen-Gerner, Rick Tomasetti, Jim Meinhold, Glenn Hemmerlee

Building Committee members absent: John Guth, Fred Rapczynski, Ann Paul

Guests: Ty Tregellas (Turner Construction), Jesse Saylor and Randall Luther (Tai Soo Kim Partners), Terrie Schwartz (Wilton Security Task Force), Marissa Lowthert (parent), Michael Pettit (parent).

Chairman Hampson called the meeting to order at 5:05 pm.

The minutes of the October 29, 2013 building committee meeting were approved.

Glenn Hemmerlee was introduced as the new Board of Education member on the building committee.

Randall Luther reviewed the two preliminary, conceptual options previously selected by the building committee with cost estimates by Turner Construction Company for each option as a renovate as new project and as an alteration project. He then introduced option 3A which meets the minimum space requirements of the Ed. Specs and the budget set by the BOS.

Ty Tregellas described how soft cost, contingency, and escalation numbers were developed and incorporated into the estimates. He noted that the estimates carry a factor for phasing but that the factor will need to be adjusted once the project is defined.

A discussion followed about the various security aspects included in the options presented.

Cheryl Jensen-Gerner will reconvene her ad hoc work group on the future of teaching and learning to evaluate the educational plusses and minuses of the various options.

Karen Birck, Dick Dubow and Jim Meinhold agreed to serve on a communications/community outreach ad hoc committee.

By consensus, option 3 was taken off the table.

In the public comment section of the agenda:

Marissa Lowthert asked if the building committee has considered building new rather than renovating. She also expressed concerns about the credibility of the hygienist that was used in the forensic study commissioned by the BOS in the summer of 2012, and what will be done about indoor air quality issues if the voters do not approve the project.

Michael Pettit expressed concerns about air quality during the construction process, and that needed capital replacement projects might be delayed if the voters do not approve the renovation project.

The next meeting of the building committee was not set but by consensus it was agreed that it should be in mid-January.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm.