

SACKETS HAROBR CENTRAL SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION
BUILDING PROJECT HEARING MINUTES

APRIL 25, 2017
7:00 P.M. – MPR

Board Members Present: Dale Phillips, Stephen Swain, Christine Allen,
Angela Green, David Altieri

Others Present: Frederick E. Hall, Jr., Superintendent; Jennifer Gaffney, Principal; Julie
Gayne, Sheri Rose, Alynda Haycock, Martin DelSignore, John Kenna, and Jason Jantzi,
Bernier Carr & Associates

The President of the Board calls the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mr. Hall outlined the history of the Capital Reserve Fund and how it was established and
shared information regarding the large costly repairs the District has been incurring over
the last few years.

Mr. Hall indicated the Board of Education interviewed architects in January and referred
to the Five-Year Building Condition Survey to determine the scope of the project. Mr.
Hall also indicated there is significant amount of decay to the structure and items that can
no longer be addressed internally. There are no unnecessary items included in the scope
of the project. All items in the project are to keep the structure sound.

Mr. Hall also indicated the Board of Education chose Bernier Carr & Associates as the
Architect for this Building Project.

Mr. Hall introduced Jason Jantzi, Bernier Carr & Associates, to present the building
project slide show.

Mr. DelSignore questioned if a 20-year warranty is standard for roofs.

Mr. Jantzi indicated it is a 15-year warranty.

Mr. DelSignore inquired if Red Shield is offered?

Mr. Jantzi indicated Red Shield is no longer offered. Roof systems must sustain 120
miles per hour wind gusts.

Mr. Kenna indicated he felt the Board of Education was going in the wrong approach.

Mr. Kenna indicated school taxes are more than town, city and village together. Mr.
Kenna indicated the Board should consider a new elementary school and send high
school students to General Brown or South Jefferson. Both of those districts offer more
options, prepare students for the adjustment away from home and this would cut cost
drastically. Mr. Kenna also felt replacing the current building with an elementary school
would cost less than the project.

Mr. Hall indicated to Mr. Kenna that his point had been discussed. There is a five-year
process to combine and the District would need to establish a district who we could
combine with. Both district residents would need to have voter approval.

Mr. Kenna indicated our District is not able to offer as many choices as a large district
and we are hurting students compared to slightly bigger districts. Mr. Kenna also
indicated two of his three children attended IHC and it made their adjustment after high
school a lot easier.

Mr. DelSignore inquired about the District's debt service.

Mr. Hall indicated the District has three years remaining on a current debt service before
it comes off. The new debt service would come on when this one finishes. The District
would never incur an additional debt and any available money has been placed in a
Capital Reserve. The District has been working with Fiscal Advisors to ensure the timing
of debt service payments to correspond with the old coming off when the new one comes
on.

Mr. Kenna indicated it is the wrong approach. The District should have done something different ten years ago.

Mr. Kenna left at 7:35 p.m.

Mr. Hall indicated the community was surveyed and there was no desire at the time of the survey to look into consolidating with another district.

Mr. Phillips indicated once the incentive to consolidate is gone, taxes would go back up and we need to consider the wealth of the district when making their decisions.

Mr. Hall indicated students at Sackets Harbor Central School are accepted at outstanding institutions and this District has received the Silver Medal Distinction for seniors graduating in New York State.

16-17 295 Moved by Swain, seconded by Green, to adjourn.

Adjourn

Yes: Swain, Green, Altieri, Allen, Phillips

No: None

The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Sheri Rose, District Clerk

Dale Phillips, Board President