

Board of Finance
Special Meeting

April 27, 2009

PRESENT Chairman John W. Sheehan, George Peteros, Ronald Fedor, Kenneth Brown, Alan Wilensky, Cheryl Larder, Rosalyn Dupuis

OFFICIALS First Selectman Daniel Steward

RTM Thomas Dembek

ALSO: Dr. Randall Collins, Superintendent of Schools; Waterford High School Principal Donald Macrino, Town Treasurer Bernard Pisacich, Town Planner Thomas Wagner, Ken Biega and James Hoaglund of O&G Industries, Jody Nazarchyk

STAFF Ruth Beers, Finance Director; Yvette Pier, Secretary

Informational Presentation regarding proposed new High School Construction.

Chairman Sheehan called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Dr. Collins stated that the focus of this meeting will be on changes that have occurred since the last informational session.

A review was made of the overall site plan and the main entry on Rope Ferry Road, parking configuration, site plan of the athletic fields including geothermal wells that would be in the baseball field, and widening of the football field that would accommodate football, lacrosse, soccer and field hockey.

Lengthy discussion was held regarding Miner Lane connector – currently proposed as a separate funding project estimated to cost \$650,000. Discussion included questions regarding traffic flow and traffic build-up during morning and afternoon peak times, parking for faculty as well as students, proposed width of the Miner Lane connector, 1 way vs. 2 way traffic, gated entry, access to athletic fields, parking at the athletic fields, security, and construction traffic. The town would have to convey the property to be utilized for the Miner Lane connector to the Board of Education prior to submission of the project to the State. Additional discussion regarding siting of the guidance suite and the maintenance facility building, including anticipated operational costs.

Review of the project funding included discussion of contingency. Mr. Peteros remarked that the contingency totals over \$5.7 million and suggested it could be further reduced by \$1 million.

Board of Finance action will be taken at the May 13, 2009 meeting.

MOTION To adjourn at 8:35 pm.
Fedor, Brown

Unanimous

Submitted by,

Prepared by,

Cheryl Larder, Clerk

Yvette M. Pier, Secretary