NORTH READING PUBLIC SCHOOLS

North Reading, Massachusetts

Regular Meeting of the School Committee

Open Session – Joint Meeting with BOS and FINCOM

Date: October 12, 2016 Time: 7:00 PM Place: Town Hall, Room 14

School Committee Members Present Sta

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Clifford Bowers Julie Koepke Janene Imbriano Gerald Venezia Mel Webster Jon Bernard – Superintendent of Schools Wayne Hardacker – Supervisor of Buildings & Grounds

Board of Selectmen Members Present

Mr. Prisco, Mr. Yull, Mr. O'Leary, Mrs. Manupelli and Town Administrator, Michael Gilleberto

Finance Committee Members Present

Abigail Hurlbut, Donald Kelliher, Dan Pulver, Joe Foti, Ben Gamer, Ted Haggerty.

JOINT MEETING WITH BOARD OF SELECTMEN AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Call to Order Open Session:

BOS Chairman Robert Mauceri called to order the Open Session at 6:59 p.m.

Mr. Gilleberto opened the discussion relative to the feasibility study and the cost estimates for the facilities at Arthur J. Kenney Field. He turned the meeting over to Wayne Lawson and Andrea Willet of CBI who present a power point presentation outlining 5 different schemes for the project. As a result of a meeting held with the Finance Committee earlier in the morning, schemes D and E were added as options, drawings for these schemes were not provided. Mr. Prisco suggested adding a second floor onto the existing team building as another alternative. Chairman Mauceri expressed his interest in Scheme D, adding the new bathrooms to a new concession stand; this option would be one construction project as opposed to the other scheme options which would be more invasive and more than one project.

Discussion was held regarding the cost of the construction options and payment options. Free cash is higher than expected and the project could be funded with free cash. Mr. Gilleberto informed the audience there is approximately \$400,000 in free cash. Ms. Hurlbut stated spending that much free cash is risky, especially with the budget challenges that lie ahead.

Superintendent Bernard stated that improving the concession stand would provide the Parks and Recreation Department and the School Department the potential to generate more money. Mr. Venezia suggested agreeing to a cost number and working with it to put the project in place so it has an opportunity to move forward instead of stopping. Moving forward now will prevent increases in cost.

Mr. O'Leary suggested using \$350,000 in free cash and bonding \$350,000 to fund the concession stand/bathroom project. Chairman Mauceri likes the value of Option D. The Finance Committee is not happy about spending that much free cash.

Selectmen O'Leary, Manupelli, Prisco and Mauceri are not in favor of option B, changing the existing building. Mr. Yull remained neutral. The School Committee does not want to modify the existing building. The Finance Committee is 5-2 in favor of option B. Selectmen O'Leary, Prisco, and Mauceri are in favor of Option D, new concession stand with new bathrooms. Mr. Yull is opposed and Mrs. Manupelli remained neutral. School Committee is unanimously in favor of Option D. The Finance Committee is 5-2 opposed to Option D. Options E and B have been eliminated from any further discussion.

Mr. O'Leary and Mr. Prisco are not in favor of bonding the entire construction costs.

Rita Mullin stated that the Parks and Recreation Committee would be okay with loosing 300 square feet of storage if option D was chosen. All participants of the Joint Meeting would like to have the drawings for Option D for review over the weekend. A joint meeting with all participants of tonight's meeting will be scheduled before Town Meeting. Mr. Gilleberto and Finance Director Liz Rourke will work together to come up with funding options to present at the Joint Meeting.

The Joint Meeting concluded at 9:20 p.m.

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. Webster and seconded by Mr. Venezia to adjourn at 9:20 p.m. Motion passed 5-0.