

**ROXBURY BOARD OF FINANCE
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 17, 2009
MINUTES**

CALL TO ORDER

Gary Lord, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 6:15 PM.

Present: Gary Lord,, James Conway, Wayne Piskura, and Toby Goldfarb, Board of Finance Members; Barbara Henry, First Selectman; Russell Dirienzo, Selectman.

Others Present: Anthony Bedini, Charles Boucher, Andy Engel, Dr. Storm and Ed Wainwright

NEW BUSINESS

Booth Free School Repair and Maintenance Plan

Review of information

Anthony Bedini presented a slide show presentation of repairs required at Booth Free Elementary School. He explained that a team of three has done an audit on the school to determine maintenance and repairs to be included in the Superintendent's plan for repairing the school. He noted that their list for Booth consists of 87 items. Slides included various items in need of repair such as siding, rails, interior and exterior doors, door frames, steps, foundation, columns, ramps, windows, window sills, vents, roof, brick, storage buildings and ceiling tiles. Additionally, several items that need to be addressed due to lack of or improper maintenance were presented such as trip hazards, calking, heaters and fire alarms in need of cleaning, mildew, towel dispensers, boiler room clean up and various other housekeeping issues.

Discussion between Dr. Bruce Storm, Superintendent of Schools, Board of Selectmen, and Board of Finance

Dr. Storm explained that due to the current economic state the plan to consolidate schools and proposal for a new building does not seem feasible. He noted that he is responsible for the safe and clean environment of the schools; therefore, they have been working on this plan for maintenance and repair of the region's schools.

Dr. Storm explained that they have a maintenance team plan. A maintenance position is currently being advertised. They are ultimately looking for a team of two with a variety of maintenance experience with transportation who can follow a clear plan of maintenance.

Dr. Storm agreed that once cost estimates and funds are secured they will present proposed repairs to the Selectmen. Dr. Storm confirmed for Gary Lord that the goal is to do the roof work starting in July when the children are out of school. Additionally, he noted their intention to address housekeeping before the children are out of school.

The BOF and BOS agreed that health and safety issues should be addressed immediately. They commented that the public should know about the state of the school. It was

noted that the condition of the school is due to a management issue and that the Town could do a better job of maintaining the school. The group agreed that they should request a report from the Health Department, Fire Marshal and Building Official to protect their liability. Additionally, the BOS made a motion to have Barbara Henry call the Superintendent to assure that everything that can be addressed immediately will be addressed immediately.

Barbara Henry noted that the Town had compiled a list of repairs some time ago which was professionally prepared and estimated. The BOF expressed their interest in comparing this list with the one being presented by the BOE.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting Held February 17, 2009

Toby Goldfarb made a motion to accept the minutes of the 02/17/09 Regular Meeting as presented. The motion was seconded by Wayne Piskura and carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Budget Fiscal Year 2009-2010

Barbara Henry reported that the Union has agreed to go without an increase this year. She noted that budget meetings will start April 7th. She agreed to send completed portions of the budget to the BOF via e-mail.

OTHER BUSINESS

BOE Budget

Gary Lord reported that the BOE accepted the 1.12% increase proposed by the Superintendent. He distributed a budget format spreadsheet indicating interesting points in the BOE budget.

Proposed State Budget

Barbara Henry reported that they expect to receive 15% less than the Governor's proposed budget.

Tax Collections

The Board reviewed the delinquent tax list. Barbara Henry confirmed that Kim Pokrywka has been phoning those on the list to remind them that their taxes are past due.

Toby Goldfarb made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 P.M. The motion was seconded by Wayne Piskura and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Tai Kern,
Secretary

These minutes are not considered official until approved at the next Regular Meeting of the Roxbury Board of Finance.

