

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING**

March 17, 2009

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Barbara Henry, First Selectman.

Also present: Russell Dirienzo, Superintendent Bruce Storm; Tony Bedini and Charles Boucher, presenters; Gary Lord, Wayne Piskura, Jim Conway and Toby Goldfarb BOF members; Andy Engel and Ed Wainwright, BOE; Ed Bennett, Town of Bridgewater.

K-5 Maintenance & Repair Project for the Elementary Schools

Dr. Storm was present to speak with the Roxbury Boards of Selectmen and Finance regarding the recently launched K-5 Maintenance and Repair Project. He asked for and received Board of Education endorsement of a plan to develop as comprehensive a cost estimate as possible for a single maintenance and repair effort for the three facilities used by the Region for K-5 education. An informal workgroup consisting of Tony Bedini and Andy Engel from the BOE and Charles Boucher, a contractor, has been configured to carry out that initiative and are progressing steadily in the completion of that work. They showed a slideshow that detailed the lack of maintenance at Booth Free School. The timeline established aims for a report to him on or around April 1 with cost estimates.

Dr. Storm explained that he was working on funding for the repairs but most are not reimbursable. He explained that our State reimbursable rate is looking to be dropped from the mid-30% to mid-20%. He is looking to create a maintenance team going forward and wants to get the buildings into reasonable shape.

When the presentation was over, the Selectmen sat with the BOF and agreed that what we saw was appalling and unacceptable. Discussion followed.

Motion by R. Dirienzo to instruct the First Selectman to call Dr. Storm the next morning to express our thanks for the volunteer work that resulted in the slideshow presentation and to also express our repulsion over the extent of the lack of maintenance it showed and to instruct the on-site staff to make immediate repairs to those items that could be fixed immediately. We would like him to report back to us that these things have been done. Second by B. Henry. Motion carried.

The items to be mentioned, among others were to fix the oil leak in the furnace room and remove the oily rags; vacuum behind the furnace and crud-filled window sills; clean the

gutters; replace door hinges; clean sinks and drinking faucets; clean and vacuum classroom closets that were in the slideshow and anything else that could be fixed immediately.

Motion by R. Dirienzo to adjourn at 8:30 p.m., second by B. Henry. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Henry
Acting Clerk

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