



**TOWN OF MANSFIELD/MANSFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE
December 22, 2010
Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
Council Chambers**

Present: Fred Baruzzi, Matt Hart, Mark LaPlaca, Anne Willenborg, Mark Boyer, Mary Feathers, Shamim Patwa, Bill Ryan.
Staff: Bill Hammon
Guest: Rick Lawrence of Lawrence Associates

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Meeting called to order at 5:40p.m.

2. Minutes

Meeting minutes from March 31, 2010 were passed unanimously.

3. Opportunity for the public to address the Committee

No Comment

4. Charge from Council

Mr. LaPlaca explained the Town Council has not made their final decision of what Option should be put on the ballot for referendum. They have requested that the Committee reconvene to see if the cost of Option E, two new schools, can be reduced closer to the cost of Option D, the one new school option. Town Council has appointed Bill Ryan as a new member of the Committee and the Mansfield Board of Ed Chair appointed Shamim Patwa to the Committee. Town Council has appropriated \$7,500 to have schematic floor plans drawn for a second school. In order to do so, Mr. Lawrence will need to meet with Mr. Baruzzi and the Administrators to determine where to reduce the square footage. Mr. Lawrence stated that in order to reduce square footage, it will be more economical to build a two story building rather than a single story building. Once schematic plans are drawn, then it will be determined if the building, parking, ball fields, etc can be arranged at the Goodwin site. If so, a water/well/septic analysis will need to be conducted at the Goodwin site. To clarify, the two sites being considered for Option E are the Goodwin site with possibly purchasing land that adjoins it and Southeast School site.

Mr. Hart reviewed the newest financial data provided by Mrs. Trahan on options A, D, and E and the effect of each on projected mill rates over the next 20 years.

Ms. Katherine Paulhus, requested to have another opportunity for the public to address the Committee. She spoke in favor of having a school at the North end of Town, at the Goodwin site. She also commented on the need to find a way to put money put aside each year to protect the longevity of our schools and to avoid a large mill increase in the future.

5. Adjournment

Next meeting will be held on Wednesday January 19, 2011 at 5:30 pm in the Council Chambers.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Alicia Ducharme