

BROOKFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION
Brookfield Public Schools
SPECIAL JOINT MEETING, BOARD OF EDUCATION AND THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING
COMMITTEE PUBLIC FORUM
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2019
HUCKLEBERRY HILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
7:00 P.M.
MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER – Colette Sturm called the BOE meeting to order and Paul Checco called the MBC meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited

BOE Members Present: Colette Sturm, Joy Greenstein, Debbie Brooks, Rosa Fernandes and Bob Belden

Absent: Jen Laden

MBC Members Present: Paul Checco, Josh Flowers, Rob Gianazza, Jack Ludwig and Danette Bottelsen

Absent: Carlos Cadena, William Perrone

Tecton Members Present: Jeffrey J. Wyszynski, AIA, Edward J. Widofsky, AIA, LEED AP BD+C, MCPPO Antonia Ciaverella, EDAC, WELL AP, LEED AP BD+C, Fitwel Ambassador Architectural Designer and Ernie Nepomuceno. Also present were Brad Park and Derek Bride from Consulting Engineering Services (CES) and Darin Overton from Milone and MacBroom.

Also Present: Superintendent Dr. John Barile, First Selectman Steve Dunn, Selectman Sue Slater and members of the staff and public.

The public forum began with a presentation by personnel from Tecton Architects summarizing the format of the Forum to include a 30 minute presentation on the school building site to include Q & A after and also discussion and Q & A of the Eriksen Farm parcel. Agenda items include recent activities (refinements to the program, site design/due diligence and engineering coordination), previous designs for building/site, current design (overall and detailed floorplans, site plans, safety & security, building massing, exterior, materials and interior environment), student welfare (sustainability) and summarize next steps.

After the presentation from Tecton Architects and Consulting Engineering Services, the following Brookfield residents spoke and questions were addressed:

Marie Wilkins- 56 Flax Hill Road – Ms. Wilkins asked questions about energy use.

Henry Pietras- 19 Rocky Road – Mr. Pietras asked about the building materials being waste free and will those certificates be on file and available for review. How secure is the back of the building? Mr. Pietras asked about energy solutions.

Bill Doyle- 17 Powderhorn Hill Road- Mr. Doyle asked about ease of access, playgrounds, space for staff and elevators

Bob Belden- 7 Red Barn Lane – Mr. Belden asked about elevations and the parking lot during the transition.

Debbie Brooks- 21 Crestview Drive– Mrs. Brooks asked about the multipurpose room and the access to it. She asked if the cafeteria would double as a multipurpose room and providing more parking.

Bob Belden- 7 Red Barn Lane – Mr. Belden asked about the ballfields.

Mark Engengro- 11 Rajcula Farm Road – Mr. Engengro asked about the life expectancy of the design, i.e. window walls and inquired about what happened with the FEMA and flood plan. He asked not to go too abstract with the designs.

Mr. Pietras made additional comments regarding future proofing and free greening.

Discussion began on the Eriksen parcel.

Rocco Miceli- 26 Mapletree Road – Mr. Miceli inquired about the 90 and 60 foot fields.

Robert Garavel- 4 Homestead Lane-- Mr. Garavel shared his concerns about the development of Eriksen Farm.

Rob Blick- 131 Candlewood Lake Road-- Mr. Blick asked about moving one of the 90 foot fields to a different location.

Diane Sivo- 13 Nabby Road—Ms. Sivo asked Mr. Dunn for the opinion letter from the bonding counsel and the town attorney regarding Eriksen and she asked about an endangered species survey.

Mr. Blick asked additional questions regarding the revised site design.

Mark Engengro asked what is the timeline regarding the posting of the priority list from the State

Mr. Apgar- 8 Belden Hill Road-- Mr. Apgar asked if Eriksen Farm becomes off limits during school hours.

Willie Johnson- 78 Candlewood Lake Road- Mr. Johnson asked about the deed for the open space and the parking spaces.

Bob Marx- 11 Belden Hill Road- Mr. Marx asked if school children use site.

Shawn Schep-1 Belden Hill Road- Ms. Schep asked if other places are being looked at to build the fields.

Cheryl DePoi- 93 Candlewood Lake Road- Ms. DePoi asked what is the need for the emergency road to Nabby Road. Discussion came up regarding Steve Harding Sr. and his involvement with the fields.

New School Project webpage: www.newschoolproject.brookfieldps.org. In addition, any additional questions can be sent to newschoolproject@brookfieldps.org.

[Click here for the full video link to this forum](#)

ADJOURNMENT – Without objection, Colette Sturm adjourned the BOE meeting and Paul Checco adjourned the MBC meeting at 8:46 p.m.

Respectfully, Submitted,
Lisa Gramling, Board of Education Clerk