

**Hudson City School District
Special Board of Education Meeting
Monday, September 19, 2016 – 6:00 p.m.
MC Smith Intermediate School Cafeteria**

Minutes Meeting #6

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A special board meeting of the Hudson City School District Board of Education was held on Monday, September 19, 2016 at the MC Smith Intermediate School Cafeteria, 102 Harry Howard Avenue, Hudson, NY.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The regular meeting was called to order by Carrie Otty at 6:00 p.m. with the following Board Members in attendance:

PRESENT:

- Carrie Otty, Board President
- Maria McLaughlin, Board Vice President
- David Kisselburgh
- Sage Carter
- Linda Hopkins
- Sumayyah Shabazz
- Willette Jones

ALSO PRESENT:

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| Superintendent | Dr. Maria Lagana Suttmeier |
| Coordinator of School Improvement | April Prestipino |
| School Business Administrator | Sharifa Carbon |
| Clerk of the Board | Leslie Coons |
| Superintendent of Buildings & Grounds | George Keeler |

AGENDA ACCEPTED

Acceptance of Agenda: Board Vice President, Maria McLaughlin, made a motion to accept the board meeting agenda. Board Member, David Kisselburgh, seconded the motion.

Ayes – 7 Nays – 0

MOTION CARRIED

CAPITAL PROJECT

Capital Project: Dr. Suttmeier thanked the Board of Education, John Sharkey of Rhinebeck Architecture, Paul Tozzi of Arris Construction, administration and members of the public for coming to the Special Board Meeting.

Dr. Suttmeier then introduced Mr. John Sharkey and Paul Tozzi and invited the Board Members, administration and community members to join them on a walking tour of the planned addition.

Cones were set out on the property to indicate the boundaries of the one story planned addition, as well as the two-story rendition. Mr. George Keeler explained the need to keep the loading dock area clear, as well as the underground utilities area. Dr. Suttmeier pointed out the area for the planned access road, which is currently City property the District is in the process of obtaining. The ravine was pointed out and the new drainage filtration system was explained. Mr. Keeler further explained the quality of the ground in the surrounding areas, which make other options for the access road more expensive. From previous construction, it was learned that the parking lot and football field are both built on shale beds, which would require blasting to remove.

Mr. Keeler explained and pointed out the planned Harry Howard Avenue traffic redirection to help ease the traffic congestion from Paddock Place. It was explained that drop-offs and

pick-ups would happen via access to and from Harry Howard Avenue. Busses would drop-off and pick-up behind the school, as is the practice now. The parking lot in front of the building will be expanded with improved drainage. **CAPTIAL PROJECT (continued)**

Board members walked the perimeters, looking at planned construction from every angle. Questions were asked about the existing trees, the connecting "hyphen", and the amount of space between the existing building and the two renditions.

Mr. Sharkey explained the fire safety codes, as well as ADA (American Disabilities Act) compliance, which puts limits on construction plans and costs.

Dr. Suttmeier then lead the group back to the cafeteria for more discussion.

Dr. Suttmeier presented a brief PowerPoint presentation explaining the different building renditions leading to the design presented to the Board of Education at the September 12, 2016 Board of Education meeting for the MC Smith Intermediate School addition.

Mr. Sharkey reviewed the timeline of submitting plans to the New York State Education Department for approval, the bidding, the construction and finally the moving of grades from the John L. Edwards Primary School.

Dr. Suttmeier explained the financial burden of designing an addition that stays within the Capital Project budget.

Board Members asked Dr. Suttmeier and Mr. Keeler to look at other building options, specifically how the planned addition could be more like the 1997 addition and moving the access road away from the ravine. Board Members agreed it would be worth moving the timeline further into the future for a more acceptable rendition of the building plan. Suggestions were made to move the white stone to the back of the rendition and have an all brick facing in the front. They also requested a drawing of the roof without the front gable. Suggestions were also made to somehow move the access road away from the ravine, as it did not seem there was enough room for large trucks to safely pass through.

Dr. Suttmeier invited the Board Members and members of the public to the weekly Facilities Meetings held in the District Conference Room at 11 a.m. on Mondays.

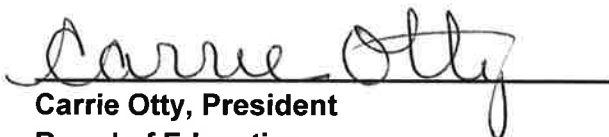
There was no need for Executive Session.


After all questions were answered and suggestions discussed, Board President, Carrie Otty, made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 p.m. Board Vice President, Maria McLaughlin, seconded the motion.

ADJOURNMENT

Ayes – 7 Nays – 0

MOTION CARRIED


Carrie Otty, President
Board of Education


Leslie M. Coons, Clerk
Board of Education