

March 12, 2012

A special meeting of the Brooklyn Board of Education was held on Monday, March 12, 2012 in the middle school library. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM with Mrs. Gerardi-Voccio presiding. In attendance were Mrs. Johnson, Mr. Rossi, Mrs. Lyons and Mrs. Trivella, representing the Board of Education; and Mrs. Berry, Superintendent of Schools. In the audience were 1st Selectman Tanner and members of the School Building Committee (Middle School Wall Committee); David Fuss, Michael Kelly, Bob LaBossiere and Joe Voccio and members of the staff and the community.

The agenda for this meeting included:

A presentation on the progress on the renovation of the middle school gym; and

A review and discussion of the proposed budget for 2012-2013;

Mr. Ireland, architect for the building project reviewed the progress to date and informed the board members that an approval of the construction documents was needed from the Board of Education. Following a discussion on the renovation project, the following motion was made:

MOTION: (Johnson/Lyons) to accept the work of the Middle School Committee and approve the construction documents for submittal to the state by March 27, 2012.

VOTE: Unanimous

Following a discussion of programs and positions in both the elementary and the middle schools, there was consensus on the following issues: reduction of custodial positions; reduction in paraprofessional staff positions; and limiting the preschool program to four year old students. These positions will be reviewed at the next meeting prior to a vote by Board of Education members.

A discussion ensued on the meeting schedule for 2012-2013 budget planning for the next two meetings with the following conclusion:

March 19th 5:30 PM in the Middle School Library

March 26th 5:30 PM in the Middle School Library

The next meeting for Board of Education, a workshop with Nick Caruso, CABA consultant and Board evaluation is scheduled for April 2, 2012

5:00 PM Board Evaluation

6:00 PM Workshop

MOTION: (Rossi/Trivella) to adjourn @ 8:00 PM

VOTE: Unanimous

Respectfully Submitted

Robert Rossi
Secretary, Board of Education

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