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WELLINGTON SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE
MINUTES

June 25, 2008

School Administration Building Conference Room

7:30 PM

Meeting # 25

Committee members attending: Mark Haley, John Bowe, Pat Brusch, Mary McHugh, Karen Pressey, Lucy Pullen, Greg Poulos, Laurie Graham, Disability Access Commission

Absent: Joel Mooney, Phil Curtis, Rob Wollner

School Department: Amy Wagner and Gerry Missal

Also Attending: Betty Reed Co-Chair Together 4 Wellington, Karen Parmett Co-Chair Together 4 Wellington BQC

Mark Haley called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

On a motion by Pat Brusch, seconded by John Bowe, the minutes of the meeting of June 6, 2006 were approved by a 4-0 vote. Mary McHugh and Greg Poulos abstained since they had not attended the June 6, 2006 meeting, and Karen Pressey was not yet in attendance.

On a motion by Pat Brusch, seconded by Mary McHugh, the minutes of the meeting of March 7, 2007 were approved by a 5-0 vote. Greg Poulos abstained since he had not attended the March 7, 2007 meeting, and Karen Pressey was not yet in attendance.

Pat Brusch gave a history of the MSBA application process to date.

Pat Brusch and Mark Haley reported on recent meetings with MSBA. The bottom line is that approval at the SBA November meeting appears unlikely. They want more information on our Designer Selection Process, Project Manager Status and on Enrollment Projections. Gerry will prepare a narrative describing our Designer Selection Process and answering their specific questions.

Gerry has thoroughly reviewed the MSBA enrollment numbers and finds that they do not take into account Belmont's history and housing growth impacts. They asked for enrollment information for all of the elementary schools and Gerry has sent them detailed floor plans showing the academic use of every classroom in every school. Only the Burbank had one empty classroom and that will be needed for a new Special Needs program next year. Pat Brusch has compiled detailed information about the 700 new housing units planned for Belmont and indicating that these will draw young families. Mark mentioned that every school we have built in been at capacity when it opened because the enrollment projections did not reflect the fact that Belmont is very attractive to young families because of its location and excellent schools. The MSBA has a plan to use the same methodology for enrollment projections for all cities and towns in the Commonwealth. We have tried to explain why this method is totally inaccurate for Belmont.

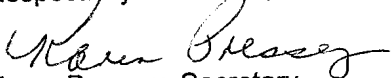
Pat and Mark are attempting to get on the July 28th agenda of the MSBA. But have started to plan for a possible Debt Exclusion vote for the April election.

Gerry spoke about planning for relocation. He has determined that we will need to have two sites for the relocation and will require four sets of trailers. He also feels that he may need a modest

sum of money to have architect assistance in designing and positioning the trailers to meet all the needs of the students.

On a motion by John Bowe, seconded by Greg Poulos, the committee voted unanimously to adjourn at 8:40 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,


Karen Pressey, Secretary