

MINUTES OF PLANNING BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING #3309 - NOVEMBER 20, 2001  
7th FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM, GOVERNMENT CENTER  
888 WASHINGTON BLVD., STAMFORD, CT

Present for the Board were, Duane Hill, Chairman; John Garnjost; Claire Fishman; Marggie Laurie; and Rose Grosso. Present for staff: Robin Stein, Land Use Bureau Chief.

Mr. Hill opened the meeting at 7:30 P.M.

Capital Plan & Budget Proposals 2002/2003-2006 - Departmental presentations

Ferguson Library

Tom Cassone, Chairman of the Board of Trustees; Ernie DiMattia, President of the Library; Alice Knapp, Director of Public Services; and Nick Bochicchio presented the capital requests.

They explained that the Main Library, being 20 year old, requires major renovation. They said there is a potential for State grant reimbursement for up to 1/3 and that the phasing is based on the State aid programming. They explained that the proposed expansion/renovation of the Weed Branch will result in 4,000 sq. ft. ADA compliant space and that many people walk to the branch which mitigates the need to expand the parking. The Board asked for statistics on other branch libraries, including Darien.

Mr. Bochicchio reported on the requests for Computer Network Upgrade and Computer System Infrastructure.

In answer to a question by Mr. Hill, Mr. DiMattia explained that last year's figures were estimates and now there are detailed plans and estimates.

Mrs. Laurie asked for out year priorities.

Board of Education

Those attending from the Board of Education were: School Superintendent, Anthony Mazzullo; John Chardavoyne; Antonio Iadarola, Alfonso Barbarotta; and Martin Levine, President of the Board of Education.

Mr. Chardavoyne presented the ??????????Budget.

Joe Folles, architect for the Northeast School project, presented that project which includes replacement of modular units. He said a two story addition is contemplated.

Donald Breismeister, architect for Davenport Ridge School, said there are serious space deficiencies for many programs. He said several small additions are planned so as to meet minimal standards, including utility rooms, an art classroom and two kindergarten rooms. He said the building lacks a sprinkler system.

Fritz Morris of Perkins Eastman Architects presented the Rogers School Project. He said it is planned to convert the open classroom model back to a classroom plan. He said the plan includes a small addition for a cafeteria and four classrooms and art space for a total project of \$17 million.

Mrs. Laurie and Mr. Hill raised the subject of K T Murphy School and the planning process led by students.

John Lindquist presented the technology segment. He said last year's one million dollar budget cut forced postponement of planned projects. He reviewed the Pathways educational system presently on line at the AIT. He said 400 serviceable computers have been donated over the past year.

Mr. Hill asked how the technology is being used and how effective it is in the teaching environment.

Mr. Iadarola stated that changes in the codes can be expected every five years. He said renovation work must deal with all code issues to be eligible for State funding.

Mr. Mazzullo said he will provide demographic information supporting the need for additional elementary and middle schools.

Mr. Garnjost asked about the capacity of Engineering to manage the Board of Education projects.

There was discussion about the urgency of coming up with a solution for a new middle school since June is the deadline for the coming year. Mr. Hill said there is a need to elevate the debate over the new middle school solution.

It was explained that \$100,000 for Boyle Stadium will repair the existing facility but it will not provide enough funding for a new concession stand or rest rooms.

Minutes for Approval:

#3301 - August 21, 2001 deferred

#3303 - September 25, 2001 approved

#3305 - October 23, 2001 approved

#3306 - October 30, 2001 approved

The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Duane Hill, Chairman  
Stamford Planning Board

Note: These proceedings were recorded on tape and are available for review during regular business hours.