

A special meeting of the Board of Education of the Township of Deptford was held at the above place and date at 7:00p.m. prevailing time.

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Trevaline Jackson at 7:00p.m.

Statement: In accordance with the Sunshine Law: Notice of this meeting has been provided to the South Jersey Times, the Courier Post, the District Website, and the Municipal Clerk of the Township of Deptford to be posted in a public place.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

Present

Stacy Gray
Matthew Vilary
Susan Kryszczak
Linda Rosser
Marianne Covely – arrived at 7:04
Trevaline Jackson

Absent

Jeanine Donohue
Joseph Wilson
Brian McDonald
Mrs. Carolyn Morehead, Assistant Superintendent

Also Present

Dr. Charles Ford, Superintendent
Mr. Michael Griggel, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

PUBLIC PORTION (agenda items only)

Motion by Ms. Rosser, seconded by Mrs. David-Kryszczak, to open the public portion.

Motion carried unanimously.

There were no comments from the public.

Motion by Ms. Rosser, seconded by Mrs. David-Kryszczak, to close the public portion.

Motion carried unanimously.

PRESENTATION: Proposed Architectural Plans for Bond Referendum by Fraytak, Veisz, Hopkins, Duthie, P.C.
Presented by Dr. Charles R. Ford, Jr., Superintendent

Dr. Ford presented to the Board of Education and Community the proposed Architectural Plans for the Bond Referendum. Dr. Ford broke the plan into three groups: First question for the referendum, Second question for the referendum, and Capital Projects. During the presentation, Mrs. Gray asked about additional classrooms and stated that from the strategic planning meetings the public wanted smaller class sizes and technology. Mr. Vilary asked about the class size and asked if there is a need for classrooms at Pine Acres. Mrs. Gray asked why we are adding gymnasiums at the elementary schools. Ms. Rosser stated that the gyms will help with the lunch programs and would have a positive impact on the associations that use our facilities.

Dr. Ford stated that the Principals reviewed all the plans and were happy with the proposed Architectural Plans. Discussion between classrooms and gymnasiums went back and forth. There were board members in support of additional classrooms and others supporting the three elementary gymnasiums. There was discussion about the Strategic Planning survey results and that the community wanted smaller class sizes and more technology in the schools. Dr. Ford spoke about the addition at Monongahela Middle School, where the district would be able to move sixth grade over to the Middle School which would free up classrooms at the elementary schools. Dr. Ford mentioned that to expand the cafeteria and kitchen, the classroom and gymnasium additions would need to be completed first. He added that the cafeteria and kitchen expansion would take approximately one year. Dr. Ford stated that the plans call for seven science labs that will be a combination of classroom learning and labs.

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The High School has a three story addition that will support New Sharon programs, which includes Life Skills on the first floor. The second and third floors would be science labs and classrooms. The High School would also see a new renovated auditorium. All the schools would have renovated or additions to the main office for security purposes and efficiencies. The second question would be for air conditioning and electrical upgrades throughout the school district. There was discussion about putting the roofs over a multi-year cycle to prevent multiple roof replacements at one time. This would come from capital projects.

During the presentation community members voiced their concerns with the gymnasiums and would like to see additional classrooms at the schools to reduce class size. Ms. Rosser feels that having the gymnasiums would help with teacher scheduling, lunch, and community use.

PUBLIC PORTION

Motion by Mr. Vilary, seconded by Ms. Rosser, to open the public portion.

Motion carried unanimously.

There were no comments from the public.

Motion by Mrs. Gray, seconded by Mrs. David-Kryszczak, to close the public portion.

Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Vilary, seconded by Mrs. Gray, to adjourn.

Motion carried unanimously.

Michael Griggel
School Business Administrator/Board Secretary