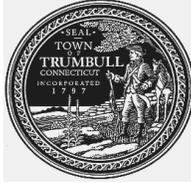


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**EDUCATION
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
March 24, 2010**

Chairman Chad Ciocci called the Education Committee meeting to order at 8:15 p.m.

The clerk called the roll and recorded it as follows:

Present: Martha Jankovic-Mark, Vice Chairman, Roberta Bellows, Ann Marie Evangelista.

Absent: Daniel Helfrich and Mary Beth Thornton.

Also Present: Director of Finance Maria Pires, Town Council member Ms. Waizennegger, Chairman of the Town Council Mr. Carl Massaro, Jr., and Mr. Al Barbarotta of AFB Management and Mr. Collins, President of the Trumbull Pisces.

DISCUSSION ITEM: Use and operation of the pool at Hillcrest Middle School

Mr. Barbarotta reported that a meeting with the Public Works Director, Superintendent of Schools, First Selectman, Chief of Police, Principle of the Hillcrest School, BoE members and tradesmen had taken place. As a result the Hillcrest pool will be open to seniors and will be safe for the student population. There were two major issues that AFB had been requested to resolve; safety of the students and separation of the showers/locker area from the student population. Mr. Barbarotta distributed a progress report to the Education Committee members. The Chief of Police addressed the security issues. Mr. Seymour, security expert of schools was brought in as a consultant. An account had been established in the town finance dept. years ago when they had addressed some of these same issues at Hillcrest, there was a balance of approximately \$20,000. Those remaining funds were used for materials on this project. This will take 4 weeks total, it has not solved all the issues at hand, but it has addressed the main issues.

As of today all demolition is complete, the rough plumbing is installed; the floor will be tiled tomorrow. Glove-bag removal of asbestos had been completed. The concrete can not be painted until it is fully cured, they may have to re-open the pool without paint. Mr. Babarotta reviewed the floor plan with Education Committee in detail. There are new doors with a panic alarms and the emergency egress is alarmed as well. A new bathroom was built on the women's side and two new sinks and toilets. The men's side needed total separation, there is no way for

adults to enter into the student area, there is no crossover, and there is no possible way that the adults can enter the school population area due to the new alarmed door. The project will be presented to the BoE next Tuesday for their approval. AFB has consulted with a pool specialist to see what the recommendations are to make the pool last an additional 5, 10 or 20 years. A ventilation expert will need to be consulted as well as the lighting issues will be addressed.

Mr. Ciocci commended AFB for what has been accomplished this far.

Ms. Jankovic-Marc notified Mr. Barbarotta that of the 3 working showers of the 4, only 2 are now operational. Mr. Barbarotta clarified that tonight's discussion is Phase I, the showers and filtration system still are a major component to be addressed later.

Mr. Collins of Pisces spoke favorably of the project and how it would help the Pisces organization.

Mr. Barbarotta noted that the structural issues of the pool would involve consulting a pool specialist and a HVAC specialist. Other items that would need to be addressed are as follows, the filtration system, ventilation, and lighting, a new group of showers, windows, and re-spraying of the ceiling, it will be possible to spray/paint the ceiling because it has been determined there is no mold in the pool area or the ceiling. Those issues would fall under design that would need to be bid. There is an option of design/bid instead of using an architect.

Mr. Collins of Pisces spoke favorably of the chlorine levels at the pool; he noted that the air quality may affect the smell somewhat. Mr. Barbarotta concurred, noting that the chemicals are balance daily.

Mr. Barbarotta noted that once a scope of the project is established it would need to go to open bid. Currently the bid market is very competitive, which is very favorable to the project owner.

Mr. Collins of Pisces suggested that once the pool project is completed and is a community pool center, one person should be assigned the responsibility of it. Mr. Collins suggested forming a committee, first to address the scheduled use of the pool and the other who would ultimately be in charge of the use of the pool. Mr. Barbarotta stated that because the pool is in a school building that it would fall under state law 10-287.

Mr. Collins of Pisces noted that pool hours and times are not fully maximized an aquatics director would be needed. If there were more efficient use of the pool Pisces would not need to use the University of Bridgeport facility, which costs Pisces \$30,000 per year. That money could go to the town of Trumbull. If the pool usage was maximized the Town of Trumbull should not be incurring any additional fees. Expanding the use of the pool to seven days a week would be an asset to the town.

There being no further business to discuss upon motion made by Ms. Jankovic-Mark, seconded by Ms. Bellows the Education Committee adjourned by unanimous consent at 9:35p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Margaret Mastroni, Town Council Clerk