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**EDUCATION COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
February 23, 2010**

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The Chairman Chad Ciocci called the Education Committee to order at 7:15 p.m. All present joined in a moment of silence and the pledge of allegiance.

The Chair appointed Margaret Mastroni temporary clerk of the Education Committee. Moved by Ms. Evangelista, seconded Ms. Thornton to appoint Margaret Mastroni as permanent clerk of the town council.

VOTE: Motion approved 4-0 unanimously.

Roll Call: The clerk called the roll and recoded it as follows:

Chad Ciocci, Chairman

Roberta Bellows

Ann Marie Evangelista

Mary Beth Thornton

Absent:

Martha Jankovic-Mark

Daniel Helfrich

Also Present: Ms. Mary Markham, Recreation Director, Mrs. Rosemary Seaman, Principle of Hillcrest Middle School and Mr. Jeff Jenkins Town Council member.

1. RESOLUTION TC 23- 48: Moved by Ms. Thornton, seconded by Ms. Evangelista.

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Town Council is hereby authorized to conduct a review of the use and operation of the pool at Hillcrest Middle School and shall submit a written report of its review, findings and recommendations within ninety (90) days to the Clerk of the Council.

Mrs. Seaman gave a history of the changes that have been made over the years in order to address the security issues of the public using the pool at the middle school:

- Cameras and buzzers were added to the main doors.
- A partial wall was added to block the visibility of the showers.

- A checker was placed outside the locker rooms checking licenses as the public entered.
- The skate park was paved and the public would then enter the building through door #13.
- A monitor was hired for the men's room.

Most recently on Feb. 5, 2010 the First Selectman, Chief of Staff, the Superintendent of Schools and the Plant Operations Manager came to the school to discuss the possibility of building a separate bathroom area for adults only. There should be a separate entrance to pool and once the public was in the pool area it should be sealed so the public would not have access to the school. As a result of the Feb. 5, 2010 tour it was Mrs. Seaman's understanding that Al Barbarotta of AFB and the Public Works Director will work together to see how this can be accomplished.

Fire Drills and lockdowns are an issue when the public is using the pool and is becoming more and more of a logistical issues as new regulations are added. The pool has been become a community center which brings its own set of issues to the school. The Education Committee agreed that it should not be the role of the middle school principle to take on the security issues of the public using the pool. An additional issue Mrs. Seaman has with the public using the pool is that they bring in their duffle bags there is no way for the school administrators to secure or monitor the bags

Ms. Markham stated that there are 4 people on staff at the pool through the recreation department, there would be no need to hire additional staff. The staff is as listed:

- 1) ID checker
- 2) Lifeguard
- 3) Water Aerobic Instructor
- 4) Male Monitor

In addition to the 4 staff members there is a 40-hour pool custodian brought in by the town on duty from 5:00 a.m. and throughout the day, the custodian does also have some BoE responsibilities. Early swim is at 6:00 to 7:10 a.m. and the recreation programs run from 9:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The high school students come over to the pool middle school right before the dismissal of the middle school students followed by the swim teams. Scheduling of after school middle school events is an issue and has to be coordinated around swim meets. The pool is open until 10:30 p.m.

The Chair summarized the security issues & structure issues as follows:

***Security Issues:***

- Identifications
- Exposure within the locker areas
- Duffle bags
- Entering and exiting the pool area via the pool deck (safety issues & pool maintenance issues –debris is brought into the pool)

- Entrance and exits to pool area (there should be an inability to exit the pool into the school)
- Conformance with fire drills & lock-downs

***Structure Issues:***

- Dehumidification
- Chlorine
- Air Quality
- Windows
- Ceiling
- Lighting
- Filtration
- Life-guard stand is beyond its usable life.

Mr. Don Walsh, Plant Operations Manager would have further details.

VOTE: Motion to recommend approved 4-0 unanimously.

2. RESOLUTION TC23-49: Moved by Ms. Evangelista, seconded by Ms. Bellows. BE IT RESOLVED, That Phase II of the Trumbull High School Renovation is hereby approved.

Mr. Jenkins stated that AFB and O&G will be presenting at the full town council meeting on March 1, 2010.

Moved by Ms. Thornton, seconded by Ms. Bellows to send TC23-49 without recommendation to the Trumbull Town Council.

VOTE: Motion approved 4-0 unanimously.

It was the consensus of the Education Committee meeting that it would serve them well to attend the March 2, 2010 Board of Education meeting to hear the Superintendent's suggestions on the matter of the Hillcrest pool.

Ms. Evangelista moved to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Bellows, there being no further business to discuss the Education committee adjourned by unanimous consent at 8:22 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Margaret Mastroni

Temporary Town Council Clerk