

**DANBURY BOARD OF EDUCATION
2020 TASK FORCE MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2012 AT 4:30 P.M.
Rogers Park Middle School Auditorium
21 Memorial Drive, Danbury, CT 06810**

Present: R. Slabicky, K. Molinaro, W. Glass, W. Levy, M. Teicholz, F. Visconti, Jr.,
A. Iadarola, R. Pietrafesa, Committee Members; S. Pascarella (4:58),
J. Emmett, and K. Thompson (4:45) from Administration; M. Boughton

Absent: E. Alberts, C. Mirochine, A. Rao, D. St. Hilaire

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Rosty Slabicky, called the meeting to order at 4:38 p.m., and those assembled recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

R. Slabicky welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced K. Molinaro, Chairperson of the subcommittee formed for the purpose of identifying three schools for additions to relieve overcrowding projections. K. Molinaro turned the meeting over to A. Iadarola to explain what has been done thus far.

REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF SUB COMMITTEE

Antonio Iadarola identified three main clusters:

1. Park Avenue, Morris Street, Mill Ridge Primary
2. Shelter Rock, South Street, Ellsworth Avenue
3. Stadley Rough, Great Plain, Hayestown Avenue

For the expansion of the first cluster, a recommendation for eight additional classrooms to Park Avenue School.

For the expansion of the second cluster, a recommendation for five additional classrooms to Shelter Rock School.

For the expansion of the third cluster, a recommendation for three additional classrooms to Great Plain School, plus capture one room internally for instructional purposes within the school.

Antonio Iadarola discussed the conversion of Mill Ridge Educational Center to a new middle school. He said the goal is to submit an application on or before June 30, 2012 to meet delivery dates in the year 2014-2015. He further stated that they met with a subcommittee of the Common Council, and it was voted unanimously to move this forward. He is hopeful that the full council will authorize the funds at its meeting on Tuesday night.

R. Slabicky thanked everyone on the subcommittee, including M. Boughton, and administration for all the work being done. He then opened the meeting up to the Task Force members for their questions. W. Levy asked if these expansions will accommodate the future enrollment projections. A. Iadarola said we should be in good shape to accommodate the projections and feels this is the most cost effective way to proceed. W. Glass said to keep in mind that if we expand a school to accommodate 650 students, we might have the need to increase the staff in terms of a principal, additional secretary and nurse. M. Boughton assured everyone that student growth will consistently be monitored so that we know exactly where the students will be coming from and when. R. Taborsak asked if anything will be done to expand the Alternative Center for Excellence. M. Boughton said there will be some maintenance work on the referendum but no renovation work in November. R. Slabicky asked what is needed to be done to finish up with the applications. A. Iadarola said an ED049 will allow us to put together schematics with the hopes of getting a temporary project number. The state requires funding for the project before it approves the project and state reimbursement. M. Boughton stated that this is a work in progress and subject to change. He encouraged everyone to ask questions and participate in this process as much as possible. He suggested organizing a public meeting in May or early June to keep the taxpayers apprised of the plans and progress.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:08 p.m.

Richard Hawley, Secretary

