

**TOWN OF STOCKBRIDGE, MA.  
50 MAIN STREET  
FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2019 AT 6:30 PM**

1. **THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:30 PM**
  
2. **CHAIRMAN BIKOFSKY MENTIONED THAT THE PRINCIPAL PURPOSE OF THE MEETING WAS TO HEAR A PRESENTATION FROM THE BHRSD-NEXT STEPS COMMITTEE WITH A FOCUS ON THE FUTURE HIGH SCHOOL PHYSICAL PLANT AND ITS' PROGRAMS.**
  
3. **FINANCE COMMITTEE ATTENDEES: JAY BIKOFSKY, JIM BALFANZ, NEIL HOLDEN, DIANE REUSS, STEVE SHATZ AND WILLIAM VOGT**

**BHRSD-NEXT STEPS COMMITTEE ATTENDEES: CO-CHAIRMAN WILLIAM FIELDS AND PAUL GIBBONS, CARL BRADFORD, ROGER KAVANAGH, JAMES SANTOS AND MOLLY THOMAS**

4. **THE REVISED STOCKBRIDGE FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 12, 2019 MEETING WERE PRESENTED AND UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED, 6-0 BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.**
  
5. **PAUL GIBBONS CHAIRED THE BHRSD PRESENTATION AND ASKED IF ALL PRESENT HAD SEEN THE OUTLINE OF THE REPORT FROM THE NEXT STEPS COMMITTEE. CHAIRMAN BIKOFSKY MENTIONED THAT A COPY WAS ON FILE IN THE STOCKBRIDGE SELECT BOARD OFFICE WITH THERESA ZANETTI FOR FUTURE REFERENCE AND COPIES HAD BEEN CIRCULATED TO EACH FINANCE COMMITTEE MEMBER IN ADVANCE OF THIS MEETING.**
  
6. **PAUL GIBBONS REVIEWED PAGE 2 OF THE REPORT, "THE AGENDA", PAGE 4 - "THE COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP", PAGE 5 - "THE COMMITTEE'S OBJECTIVES", PAGE 6 - "THE APPROACH", PAGE 7 - "THE RANGE OF TOPICS COVERED", PAGE 9- "THE CATEGORIES OF THE FINDINGS", PAGES 10, 11 AND 12 - "THE EDUCATIONAL NEEDS".**

**PAUL GIBBONS THEN WENT ON TO DISCUSS "ADDITIONAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS" ON PAGES 13, 14 AND 15 AS WELL AS "PHYSICAL NEEDS" ON PAGE 16.**

**CO-CHAIRMAN GIBBONS REVIEWED PAGE 17- "COMMUNITY BENEFITS", AS WELL AS THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMITTEE INCLUDING PAGE 19- "REPAIRS ONLY", PAGE 20- "COMMITTEE CONCLUSIONS", PAGE 21- "CHANGES**



**PAGE 2 FINANCE COMMITTEE-BHRSD NEXT STEPS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
OF DECEMBER 10, 2019 CONTINUED:**

**SINCE THE LAST VOTE AND PAGE 22- " THE TIMELINE OF THE PROCESS.**

**7. THE NEXT STEPS COMMITTEE THEN CALLED FOR QUESTIONS FROM THE  
FINANCE COMMITTEE.**

**\* JIM BALFANZ ASKED FOR CONFIRMATION OF THE INCREASED FINANCIAL  
COMMITMENT FROM STOCKBRIDGE SINCE THE APPROVAL OF THE LAST  
BHRSD UPDATED AGREEMENT.**

**\* BILL VOGT INQUIRED WHY GREAT BARRINGTON REJECTED THE LAST  
PROPOSAL. HE ALSO INQUIRED ABOUT PERFORMANCE AND PROFICIENCY  
MEASUREMENTS OF THE QUALITY OF EDUCATION RELATED TO THE  
NEXT STEPS PRESENTATION.**

**\* JAY BIKOFSKY INQUIRED AS TO THE STATUS OF CONSOLIDATION WITH  
THE SBRSD, A PROSPECTIVE MERGER WITH RICHMOND AND THE TIME  
LINE FOR THE NEXT STEPS PROPOSED PROJECT.**

**\* DIANE REUSS QUESTIONED THE DISPARITY BETWEEN THE BHRSD-SBRSD  
CONSOLIDATION TASK FORCE AND THE BERKSHIRE COUNTY EDUCATIONAL  
TASK FORCE WITH FUTURE EMPHASIS BEING PLACED ON BERKSHIRE  
HILLS AND SOUTHERN BERKSHIRE DISTRICTS.**

**\* NEIL HOLDEN INQUIRED ABOUT A DETAILED SPACE NEEDS ANALYSIS.**

**\* NEXT STEPS COMMITTEE MEMBERS MENTIONED THAT A DECISION TO  
FUND NEW CONSTRUCTION VS. RENOVATION WAS UNDER CONSIDERATION  
BY THE STATE WITH A RESPONSE EXPECTED SOON.**

**\* STEVE SHATZ INQUIRED ABOUT THE INCLUSION OF RENEWABLE ENERGY  
CONSIDERATION IN THE PROPOSED PLANNING.**

**8. IN CONCLUSION, THE STOCKBRIDGE FINANCE COMMITTEE MENTIONED THAT  
A FUTURE COMMITTEE MEETING WOULD BE SCHEDULED TO DISCUSS AREAS  
TO BE CONSIDERED AND ADDRESSED BEFORE THE BHRSD PRESENTS A  
FINAL PROPOSAL.**

**THE FINANCE COMMITTEE ALSO REQUESTED THAT A TOUR OF MONUMENT  
MOUNTAIN HIGH SCHOOL BE SCHEDULED WHICH HAS SUBSEQUENTLY  
BEEN REQUESTED BY CHAIRMAN BIKOFSKY FROM SUPERINTENDENT DILLON.**

**9. THE FINANCE COMMITTEE THANKED THE BHRSD NEXT STEPS COMMITTEE  
AND THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 7:55 PM.**