

DANBURY BOARD OF EDUCATION

SITES & FACILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

(Committee met in conjunction with the 2020 Danbury Public Schools Task Force)

FEBRUARY 11, 2020

Present: Joseph Britton, Joseph DaSilva, Kathleen Molinaro, Albert Russo, Amy Spallino

Also Present: Mayor Boughton, Gladys Cooper, Richard Jannelli, Kate Conetta, Rachel Chaleski, Antonio Iadarola, Richard Jannelli, Warren Levy, Dr. Salvatore Pascarella, Lisa Ruffles, Terry Sachs, Frederick Visconti, Kevin Walston

The Chair of the Sites & Facilities Committee, J. Britton called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. and turned it over to Rebecca Augur of MILONE & MACBROOM and Glenn Yeakel of Friar Associates who reviewed enrollment projections, as well as short and long-term facilities options and recommendations at the pre-kindergarten, elementary, middle and high school levels to address the enrollment growth and areas of need.

The attached 2020 Danbury Public Schools Task Force, Options for the Future, was presented to the Committee.

The floor was open for questions. Discussion ensued. Details can be heard on archived meeting videotape.

Discussions related to enrollment projections consistently surpassing projections over the last ten years and the need to act quickly to address our student needs, as well as how space is to be allocated and which grade level to focus on.

Options were considered: year-round schools, half days and distance learning. While they have been considered, they are not however ideal for teaching and learning.

Team is going to Nashville in March to look at how school districts are meeting school needs as it relates to trades and internships.

Mayor Boughton introduced Boy Scout (Troop 135) Gary Prybylski, Jr., a seventh-grade student at Westside Middle School Academy. Gary explained that he is in attendance to complete one of the requirements for a Citizenship of Community Merit Badge as he works toward his Eagle Scout Rank.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:19 pm.

Kathleen Molinaro, Recording Secretary

(Meeting was videotaped)

