

**DANBURY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SITES & FACILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
JUNE 12, 2019**

Present: Joseph Britton, Rachel Chaleski, Gladys Cooper, Fred Karrat, Ralph Pietrafesa

Also Present: Kate Conetta, Richard Jannelli, Emanuela Palmares, Amy Spallino, Dr. Sal Pascarella, Joe Martino, Rich Jalbert

The Chair of the Sites & Facilities Committee, R. Pietrafesa, called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and turned it over to J. Martino who updated the committee on the Friar and Associates Capacity Study at Mill Ridge Primary, Great Plain and King Street Middle School. Site plans with existing and proposed new area square footage, as well as renovation and new addition costs, were distributed. Discussion ensued of:

- possible expansion at Mill Ridge Primary to include Intermediate Grade Levels, new parent drop-off loop, play area to accommodate an additional 150 students. J. Martino explained the current building is old and presents many challenges.
- possible expansion for Prekindergarten or Elementary Grade Levels at Great Plain. Parking is a concern.
- possible new building at the King Street campus and expansion of King Street Primary School. The campus presents the only available land. Westside Middle School Academy would re-open as a K-5 Elementary School. Current capacity of Westside is 750. The new King Street Middle School is proposed for 700 students. F. Karrat inquired as to the maximum capacity. J. Martino will reach out to Friar and Associates.

F. Karrat inquired about a comprehensive plan to refurbish all buildings.

R. Pietrafesa asked for a motion that the Sites and Facilities Committee make a recommendation to the full board that the City of Danbury conduct a formal study of Mill Ridge Primary, Great Plain Elementary School and the King Street Campus for possible expansion and review all available land. The motion was moved by F. Karrat and seconded by J. Britton. Motion passed.

The meeting was turned to R. Jalbert to update the board on current sites and facilities work. A list of accomplishments, planned summer projects and Security Grant items was distributed. Discussion ensued.

J. Martino updated the board on the 2019 – 2020 Proposed Building Rental Fund Budget. A list of improvements and repairs totaling \$159,510 was distributed. Discussion ensued.

R. Pietrafesa asked for a motion that the 2019 – 2020 Proposed Building Rental Fund Budget be referred to the Finance Committee. The motion was moved by F. Karrat and seconded by G. Cooper. Motion passed.

F. Karrat moved, seconded by G. Cooper, to adjourn the June 12 Sites and Facilities Committee Meeting. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

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Rachel Chaleski