

**TOWN OF MANCHESTER
SMARTR2 COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 21, 2018
Hearing Room, Lincoln Center**

MINUTES

PRESENT: Brian Murphy, Cheri Eckbreth, Pamela Floyd-Cranford, Steve Gates, Deb Hagenow, and Chris Pattacini

ABSENT: Peter Conyers, Matt Galligan and Tracy Maio

ALSO PRESENT: Matt Geary, Scott Shanley and Randall Luther (TSKP)

Chairman Eckbreth called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Mr. Luther went through a comprehensive presentation of the attached options for Phase 2 of the elementary school improvement.

Mr. Gates expressed a desire for the committee to hone in on a recommendation. After some discussion, Mr. Pattacini MOVED support for the 3 school option, Mr. Gates SECONDED the motion. The vote was 8-0 in favor.

Some time was spent discussing how a pre-school program could be placed in Martin school when it was decommissioned. Costs and the code appropriateness of the current layout were also discussed.

Chairman Eckbreth requested more emphasis for the BOE/BOD presentation on the committee's thought process for the recommendation and less detail of options, which was also voiced by others.

The following members of the public spoke:

Christine Burr, expressed concern about equity if two more schools closed.

Stephanie Knybel, 185 East Center Street, suggested using Martin School in lieu of leasing the Assumption School, rather than a pre-school.

Raelene Cronin, 43 Wellesley Road, is concerned about closing schools in any neighborhood.

Michael Stebe, 85 Hollister Street, was concerned that no one on the committee clarified earlier the committee's decision, which unnecessarily upset Bowers families. We need to protect playgrounds and better advertise future meetings.

Elizabeth D'Auria, 17 McDivit Drive, is seeking better advertising and web presence of meetings and plans.

Jessica Mendelsohn, 98 Princeton Street, expressed concerned that the loss of neighborhood schools could be damaging. She cited the Bowers parents' effort to build a playground and the sense of ownership and community that that builds. She is concerned that that sense could disappear.

Gil Malone, 42 Coburn Rd,

Based on committee feedback, SMARTR staff will refine the presentation for the joint BOE/BOD meeting on Tuesday, August 28th.

Mr. Murphy MOVED to adjourn at 9:05 p.m. Mr. Pattacini SECONDED the motion and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott Shanley