

Minutes of the Select Board Meeting  
November 13, 2006  
7:15 PM  
School Committee Meeting Room

Meeting convened at 7:15 pm.

Present: Brian Ashe, Kathleen Grady, William Scibelli, Paul Santaniello, Hal Haberman, Robin Crosbie, Paul Pasterczyk, members of the School Committee, School staff and Public

The Joint meeting of the Select Board and School Committee was convened to discuss the need for security improvements in the schools and to discuss funding options. School Superintendent Jahn Hart outlined the activities of the school in evaluating and addressing school safety, including an internal safety audit. The audit identified a number of safety concerns that require funding. William Scibelli outlined a proposal for funding certain items requested by the School Committee, which included releasing funds from a balance in the Wolf Swamp/Blueberry Hill schools bonds, as well as using funds scheduled to be closed out to the Capital Stabilization fund and transferring funds from the Capital Stabilization fund. There was considerable discussion about the various needs, including appropriate technical assistance and staffing; how priorities and costs were determined; and whether the proposed funding was appropriate (too much at present or too little at present).

The School Committee voted to request that the Select Board hold a special town meeting in conjunction with the already-scheduled November 28 special town meeting, for the purpose of funding security improvements; and to release the balance of funds in the Blueberry Hill/Wolf Swamp schools bond to fund these improvements.

Hal Haberman moved to hold a special town meeting at 7:00 p.m. on November 28 to consider one article as follows:

*To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds the sum of \$383,617.00, or a greater or lesser sum, for the purchase and installation of security systems in the schools and Greenwood Children's Center, and related equipment, buildings improvements, supplies and services, or take any action relative thereto.*

The motion was seconded. The motion passed: Kathleen Grady, Brian Ashe, William Scibelli, Hal Haberman – yes; Paul Santaniello – no. The Select Board meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Crosbie  
Town Manager