

Newtown BOE Facilities Subcommittee Minutes  
November 30, 2010  
Head O' Meadow School  
94 Boggs Hill Rd.  
Newtown, CT 06470  
5:00 pm

Present: Debbie Leidlein (Chair), Bill Hart, Gino Faiella, Janet Robinson

Call to order 5:25

Approval of minutes 11/11 and 11/23

Public Participation – none

Old Business

Facilities Maintenance List

Went through list school by school and identified immediate need projects.

Janet and Gino will come up with a finalized list and dollar amount. Need to take into consideration what has been cut in the past.

Options for enrollment decline

Close an elementary school

Janet stated if Hawley were closed, it would be permanent due to grandfathering (ADA compliance)

Move 5<sup>th</sup> grade back to elementary schools and have Reed become a 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> middle school (may require expansion or portables)

Move 8<sup>th</sup> grade to high school and move 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> to Reed and 5<sup>th</sup> back to elementary school (would not require an expansion)

Capacity at high school is 2022

Mixing 8<sup>th</sup> grade with high school is not desirable

Keep schools open but generate revenue through early childhood program

Need to find out what actual savings is for closing a school.

Need to determine number of years out before each options could become reality using numbers of current students and Chung's enrollment study.

Recommendation for Ad Hoc committee is gym space: need is high with town-wide programs but adequate for school needs. Programs are competing for space.

Next meeting – Monday – December 13<sup>th</sup> at 4:15 – Central office

Adjourned 7:00