

TOWN OF SEEKONK
QUAD-BOARD MEETING
APRIL 11, 2018

A Quad-Board meeting was held in the Media Center at Seekonk High School on Wednesday, April 11, 2018.

Board of Selectmen Chairman David Andrade opened the meeting at 6:30 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and moment of silence.

He announced that in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 30, Section 20(f), anyone recording the meeting must notify the Chairman. The meeting is being recorded.

Town Administrator Shawn E. Cadime was in attendance.

A motion was made by Mr. Almeida, seconded by Ms. Hines, and it was

VOTED: 4 Ayes; To open the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

The vote: Mr. Almeida – Aye; Ms. Hines – Aye; Mr. Zorra – Aye; Chairman Andrade – Aye.

Mr. Viera was not in attendance at the time of the vote.

Chairpersons for School Committee and CIC also opened their meetings.

Supt. of Schools Arlene Bosco was in attendance.

Finance Committee members were unable to attend.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the need for more space in the schools.

School Committee Chairwoman Kim Sluter thanked those in attendance.

Mr. Greg Smolley of DRA Architects indicated he has been working with the School Committee to put together a plan to meet space needs at Aitken and Martin Schools. He had a slide presentation showing the use of portable module classrooms to either purchase or lease.

The biggest impact of module classrooms is electricity. They will have to work with the service company to get enough power.

He had three suppliers that could respond fairly quickly. He looked at both schools for potential locations for a module. The septic system is in the middle of the two buildings at Aitken School. The parking lot to the south of the building near the basketball court could be used. However, that takes away some of the basketball court and some area of flexibility for emergency equipment. The portion in front of the gym is another option.

They looked at two classrooms in one module unit. It would connect through special education or reading room and also cut through the outside wall. It would be close to the roadway and drop-off area would have to be modify.

The purchased price is almost even to a three-year lease. The shorter the contract the more expensive. Money for furniture and technology is included in the price. That cost is about \$276,000 to \$317,000.

The Fire Department would have to get involved as far as safety issues.

He suggested an area behind the original Kindergarten wing and also the gym area.

The cost for two units would be \$531,000 to \$611,000

He suggested preparing bid documents now to be ready for September.

Mr. Viera asked about plan if this fails at Town Meeting.

Supt. Bosco said larger classes.

Chairwoman Sluter felt that module is the best option.

Mr. Viera emphasized they need an education process to sell this to the voters.

Chairwoman Sluter said they will develop an ad hoc committee of 12 members to study the options.

There was talk about partially renovating the North School. Chairman Andrade said they need to know how much it will cost to renovate 13,000 sq. ft. at North School. He felt it might be a problem trying to get funding for the North School because it has been closed for many years.

A motion was made by Mr. Almeida, seconded by Mr. Viera, and it was unanimously

VOTED: To adjourn at 8:44 p.m.

The vote: Mr. Almeida – Aye; Mr. Viera – Aye; Ms. Hines – Aye; Mr. Zorro – Aye; Chairman Andrade – Aye.

Other boards adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Gamer, Secretary

