

SCHOOL FACILITIES INITIATIVE TASK FORCE SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2013 – 7:00 P.M.
TOWN HALL ANNEX, COMMUNITY ROOM 1

I. ROLL CALL

Present: Beaulieu, Bresnahan, Bryer, DeMatto, Denno, Greenleaf, Heller, Koehler, O'Donnell, Semancik, Streeter, Trejo, Volkmann, Watson, Zod
Ex-officio: Somers
Staff: Oefinger, Murphy, Robarge, Bresnyan
Consultant: Mike Zuba and Rebecca Augur

Chairman Heller asked Task Force members to state their names, relevant experience, what group they are representing and their motivation for being on the Task Force.

Mr. Heller shared responses from absent members Kirsten Hoyt and Kevin Fiftal. He also asked members to think about their hopes and fears for this process.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES of January 29, 2013

A motion was made by Streeter, seconded by Trejo, to approve the minutes of January 29, 2013 as written.

The motion carried unanimously.

III. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS - None

IV. ITEMS OF BUSINESS

Mike Zuba introduced a PowerPoint slide show covering the areas of Demographics, Housing, Enrollment Patterns and Projections, and the Outcome of Recent Elementary Redistricting. Rebecca Augur reviewed demographics and housing, which Mr. Zuba reviewed the remaining two topics. Specific areas covered were as follows:

- a. Demographics
 - 2010 Population Density by Census Block Group
 - Total Population Change - The Town Manager provided a history of census counts and specific problems relative to the Navy community.
 - Population Projections
 - School Age Population Change
 - Females of Child-Bearing Age
 - Birth Rates
 - Births by Elementary School
- b. Housing
 - Residential Lands
 - Housing Unit Change
 - Housing Permits

- Housing Sales and Foreclosures
 - Owner-Occupied Unit Change
 - Householders Age 65+
 - Students by Types of Residence
 - Buildout Potential
- c. Enrollment Patterns and Projections
- Pre-K – 12 Enrollment Projections
 - Persistency Ratios
 - Pre-K – 5 Enrollment Projections
 - Persistency Ratios
 - Class Sizes and Targeted Capacity
 - Projected Elementary Capacity
 - Elementary School Diversity
 - Elementary School Socio-Economics
- d. Outcome of Recent Elementary Redistricting
- Elementary Boundaries
 - Elementary Redistricting Snapshot
 - Elementary Redistricting Projections
 - Elementary Redistricting Capacity
 - Middle School Enrollments
 - Actual and Projected Middle School Enrollments
 - Middle School Projections
 - Actual and Projected High School Enrollments

Mr. Zuba summarized enrollment trends and explained that as part of this process, Milone and MacBroom will extend out the projections; however, confidence shrinks moving farther into the future and that must be factored into any plan.

Mr. Zuba solicited questions from Task Force members and discussion followed on potential areas for development, assumptions built into redistricting, and the impact of district-wide programs on capacity.

Chairman Heller asked Task Force members to identify the one insight that they gained during the evening. He also provided a homework assignment for Task Force members which was to approach six constituents and solicit their thoughts about Phase I and Phase II, the current state of affairs at the schools, and the general level of interest in this issue.

V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:08 p.m.