



Town of Colchester, Connecticut

127 Norwich Avenue, Colchester, Connecticut 06415

Bernie Dennler, First Selectman

Board of Selectmen Special Meeting Minutes
December 13, 2023 6:00 PM
Hybrid: Town Hall – Meeting Room 1 and via Zoom

Members Present: First Selectman Bernie Dennler, Selectmen Rosemary Coyle, Denise M. Turner, Art Shilosky and Cliff O'Donal.

Others Present: Daniel P. Sullivan, III, Superintendent, Jessica L. Kuckel, Assistant Superintendent, Rachel Linkkila, Business Director, Andrew Barillari, Director of Educational Operations, Heather Petit, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent, Christopher Rivers, Member, Board of Education, Stefanie Tracey-Calash, Member, Board of Education, Michelle Millington, Member, Board of Education

1. Call to Order: First Selectman Bernie Dennler called the meeting to order at 6:01pm
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Citizens' Comments: M. Dubreuil, Woodbine Road, spoke about the memo attached to the agenda and not having enough time to review it before the meeting and the likelihood of the town receiving the grant. D. Bouchard, Meadow Drive, spoke about the agenda being posted online without a date stamp from the clerk's office and meeting requirements for the school's facility committee. B. Dennler responded to D. Bouchard and confirmed copy of the agenda in the clerk's office is posted and stamped. The selectman's office will continue to post pdf not stamped to make it searchable online as suggested by other citizens.
4. Discuss and act on resolutions related to the Connecticut HVAC Indoor Air Quality Grant for Bacon Academy

D. Sullivan, Superintendent, presented regarding the CT HVAC Indoor Air Quality Grant proposal for Bacon Academy. He advised all Selectmen were given proposed resolutions. He explained Bacon Academy is the only school with no AC in some areas of the building. He provided examples of the effects on students and staff and discussed the grant process. B. Dennler confirmed that the BOE is not asking the town for money. D. Sullivan confirmed they are asking for procedural support not financial support. Funding source will be ESSER II and BOE ARPA funds.

- a. Discuss and act on authorizing the BOE to apply and if selected accept or reject the HVAC IAQ grant

C. O'Donal MOVED the following: Resolved that the Board of Selectmen authorizes the Board of Education to apply to the State of Connecticut

Commissioner of Administrative Services and to accept or reject a grant for the proposed Bacon Academy HVAC Indoor Air Quality Grant project. R. Coyle SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 5:0.

- b. Discuss and act on identifying or establishing a temporary building committee for the project as required by the grant
R. Coyle MOVED the following: Resolved that the Bacon Academy HVAC Indoor Air Quality Grant project is hereby assigned to the Board of Education. A. Shilosky SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 5:0.

 - c. Discuss and act on authorizing the preparation of schematic drawings and outline specifications for the proposed project
R. Coyle MOVED the following: Resolved that the Board of Selectmen authorizes the preparation of schematic drawings and outline specifications for the proposed Bacon Academy HVAC Indoor Air Quality Grant project. A. Shilosky SECONDED. C. O'Donal raises discussion on the cost of drawings, confirms drawings are included in the BOE's budget. MOTION CARRIED 5:0.
5. Adjournment
A. Shilosky MOVED to adjourn meeting at 6:39pm, C. O'Donal SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

Submitted by:
Taryn Scott
Executive Assistant to the First Selectmen