

SOUTHERN TIOGA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Boyanowski Administration Building
241 MAIN STREET, BLOSSBURG, PA 16912

MINUTES: BOARD OF EDUCATION—June 22, 2010

The meeting of the Board of Education of the Southern Tioga School District was called to order by Board President Barbara Shull, with the following members also present: Ivan Erway, Roxanne Landis, Stuart Crossen, Frank Kollar, Dan Berguson and Terry Osborne.

Also present were Mr. Kalata, Mrs. Crowell, Mrs. Perry, and interested citizens.

Citizen Recognition

Jim Bogaczyk, Blossburg Borough Council representative and Blossburg resident, informed the Board that the cost to the Borough for repair of the tennis courts will be \$4,000. The Borough will perform the work that costs \$2,000 and the Blossburg Legion Post will cover the remaining \$2,000.

Mr. Bogaczyk also commented personally on the building project, stating that he feels a new school is a better choice than renovation. When asking if there will be a cost provided for renovation vs. new construction, Mr. Berguson replied that 10 – 15 concepts were reviewed originally. We came down to two—renovate the elementary school and either renovate or reconstruct the high school, with approximately a \$4,000,000 differential. We are still considering both options, but have not yet made a decision. Mr. Kalata replied that a decision needs to be made on the architect; then he will revisit the options. Les Bear, financial consultant, will be at an August meeting.

Norma Martin, North Penn High School graduate, referred to her experience in construction, stating that renovation costs more than new building. She also hoped that the architect would be capable of keeping in mind the Blossburg history when designing the building, i.e. old town hall, Masonic building, Blossburg state hospital and former bank building, particularly in the areas of columns, roof peaks, and arched windows with a keystone at the top like Mansfield High School. Other areas of interest are covered side walk areas for students waiting outside and a safer bus route around the school than the current configuration.

John Bogaczyk, Blossburg Borough and Legion representative, confirmed the Legions donation of \$2,000 for the tennis courts. He referenced speaking with quite a few people about the building project and feels they are leaning toward a new building, not renovation.

Architect Agreement

The Buildings and Grounds Committee and the Administration recommended approval of an Agreement with Quad Three Group, Inc., to provide architectural services for a North Penn High School and Blossburg Elementary School building project, pending final review by the District Solicitor.

On motion of Mr. Berguson and second of Mr. Kollar the Board voted 7 to 0 to approve the recommendation.

Board President Barbara Shull made the following announcement:

Next Board Meeting

Wednesday, July 14, 2010, 6:30 PM

Liberty High School Auditorium

On motion of Mr. Osborne and second of Mr. Erway the Board voted 7 to 0 to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted

Penny L. Crowell, Board Secretary