

School Committee Minutes

Monday, January 31, 2018

Superintendent's Conference Room

Members present: Jenn Schaeffner, Dave Harris, Meredith Tedford, Kate Lipsitz

Also present: Maryann Perry, Superintendent
Ken Lord, Executive Director of Technology and Operations
Sean Satterfield, Principal at the Coffin/Gerry Schools

I. Initial Business

A. Call to Order

Ms. Tedford called the meeting to order at 6:30PM.

II. District Report

Ms. Perry gave an update about the condition of the Gerry School building. Mr. Lord explained that there was the issue of steam escaping in the attic at the Gerry. There was a report of plaster falling in the hallway as a result of the steam. The following day, the attic was filled with steam. The second floor was closed and the first grade students were moved to the Coffin School. The building and the plumbing inspectors came to look at the issues. There is also asbestos on the pipes that need repair. Mr. Lord explained that there would need to be asbestos abatement prior to repairing the pipe.

Mr. Lord explained the three issues at hand. First, the issue of the broken steam pipe. There is concern about air quality with the broken pipe. Second, the ceiling issues need repair. And, third, the issue of potential mold is a concern.

Mr. Satterfield explained the impact on the students and the educational impact. He described where the first grade students are at the Coffin School.

Ms. Perry's concern is the safety of the students. She is concerned about the unknown possibility of mold and the air quality issue. Her recommendation is to move the kindergarteners from the Gerry to the Bell School and keep the first grade at the Coffin School.

There was discussion amongst the School Committee about the different options.

III. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn. Unanimous vote at 8:01 p.m.

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