

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MARCH 4, 2008 – 7:00 P.M.
LINCOLN CENTER HEARING ROOM

FIRST MEETING OF THE MONTH

PRESENT: Mayor Spadaccini, Deputy Mayor Peak, Secretary Pelletier, Directors Tweedie, Beckman, Zingler, O'Neill, Topping, and Sheridan

ALSO: General Manager Shanley and Town Attorney Naab

1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER.

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. All in attendance participated in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, led by Mayor Spadaccini.

Mayor Spadaccini reported that the joint subcommittee asked to look into renovations of Highland Park School had a productive meeting the previous evening. A tentative compromise has been suggested which allows a late spring bond referendum with the understanding that no bonding will take place in November. The subcommittee will have financial advisors at its next meeting and will make a final determination at that time.

Director Zingler found it encouraging that the subcommittee came to a compromise and thanked his Democratic colleagues on the subcommittee for supporting it.

Mayor Spadaccini listed the members of the subcommittee: Steve Edwards, Mike Rizzo, Mike Pohl, Cheri Pelletier, Peg Hackett, Frank Maffe, and Brian Murphy.

2. OPENING OF MEETING TO ELECTORS OR TAXPAYERS WHO WISH TO BE HEARD ON ANY SUBJECT WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

Cheryl Pringle, 6 Plymouth Lane, spoke about the leaky roof at Highland Park School. The last time it was fixed was sometime in the 1960s. Drainage problems are causing mold and mildew. Mold renders a house uninhabitable. Other problems at Highland Park School include windows that will not open, no handicap accessibility, and traffic problems. These health and safety issues make a poor learning environment.

Jason Doucette, 85 Stephanie's Way, has a child who will be entering Highland Park School in 2011 and hopes the renovations will be complete by then. The needs at Highland Park School are well documented and have been known for quite some time. Mr. Doucette was disheartened by the proposed moratorium. He congratulated the group who worked together toward a solution.

Michael Pohl, 157 Brookfield Street, congratulated the parents that came out to speak tonight. He reported that the committee voted to recommend a full scope renovation at Highland Park School. He encouraged Republicans to join their Democratic colleagues to support the renovations at Highland Park School. Mr. Pohl stated that the health and safety of the children at Highland Park School is being constantly monitored.

Tara Lemkin, 218 Porter Street, is a parent and teacher at Highland Park School. Air quality is poor and a library and a music room are needed. The roof leaks throughout the building. Some rooms are stifling hot and some rooms are extremely cold. Support staff is working in closets. Children's physiological and physical needs have to be met. Ms. Lemkin asked how Manchester will be able to attract new families when the schools are crumbling. She supports a spring referendum.

Joanne Chomick, 99 Braeside Crescent, a fourth grade teacher at Highland Park School, said the condition of the school has deteriorated. In her classroom, the cooling metal of the radiator makes so much noise, it becomes difficult to teach. One never knows if there will be heat on a given day. Floor tiles have cracked and pieces are missing. Storage is so limited that coats and hats are stored on the floor because there is no other place for them. On rainy days, children play a game dodging buckets in the hallway. The ceiling in the principal's office caved in, along with the light fixture. The smell of mold and mildew is present. She suggested all present look around his or her office tomorrow and think about the conditions he or she works in.

Peter Mason, 37 Coburn Road, congratulated the committee that put the bond together. He is glad they didn't put together another band aid solution.

Frank Burnes, 140 Amanda Drive, has three children who attended Highland Park School and had a great educational experience. Kids make great progress at Highland Park School. When his children attend functions at other schools, they ask why Highland Park School doesn't look as nice as the other schools. Mr. Burnes is concerned about the state of disrepair, the inadequate art, music, and physical education facilities, and disruption to CMT's. The facility is not conducive to learning. Teachers and families are leaving. Five families moved out of his new neighborhood because they did not believe the Town is making a commitment to education. If revitalization is desired in Manchester it must start with the schools. Mr. Burnes is impressed with the long time residents of this town and their passion for it. He doesn't understand how leadership could have neglected this school for over 40 years. He supports a full renovation.

Jim Griffin, 55 Oak Forest Drive, is a lifelong resident of Manchester and proud of it. There are ten elementary schools in Manchester and all are in disrepair. Putting a moratorium into place will just add 5% per year to the cost of construction. The Town needs to understand that this is a 10 school program. The Town needs action and leadership. As the cost goes up, taxpayers will be losing millions of dollars. The Board of Directors was elected to lead, not follow. A moratorium is like putting targets on the backs of the kids. We want clean, healthy schools and to have closets be used for closets, not classrooms. Mr. Griffin suggested by restoring the elementary schools we will be able to retain teaching staff. He urged the Board to withdraw the moratorium resolution.

Michael Farina, 27 Huntington Street, stated that the schools are the key to Manchester's future. The moratorium is politics at its worst. Tonight is an example of politics at its best, citizens coming together. Taxpayers should not bear the burden of a moratorium due to politics. Library books should not have to be washed. Even given the poor physical state of Highland Park School, it provides a quality education. He wants Manchester's schools to be the envy of other towns in this State. That is the key to the Town's future, the key to bringing new residents, and the key to the financial future.

Leona McKay, 70 Highland Street, the PTA president at Highland Park School, said most of the parents and teachers expressed her sentiments. She thanked the community for coming out and thanked the Board of Directors for supporting the schools. She hopes it will follow through. Ms. McKay worries when she hears people want to move out of Town because of the schools.

Mindy Burke, 39 East Eldridge Street, stated that her daughter was diagnosed with asthma shortly after starting kindergarten at Highland Park School. She made changes in her home and last year participated in a study through Yale University that tested her home for mold, recorded cooking, fireplace usage and various other data. No mold was found in her home. Her daughter is sent every day to Highland Park School where there is mold.

Marlene Walsh, 112 Pitkin Street, moved to Manchester about six months ago after researching the area. She has had excellent experiences with the school, staff, principal, and support staff, but thinks it is completely unreasonable to ask them to work in the current conditions of Highland Park School. Ms. Walsh is concerned about the future of Manchester and wonders if she would have chosen to move here if she had understood the extent of the problems. She supports a referendum.

Joe Bernard, 28 Teresa Road, asked the Board why they take so long to remodel the schools. He suggested picking one school a year and renovating it. Mr. Bernard has been after the Town to fix his backyard for years. He is paying taxes on property he no longer has.

Michael Pearce, 161 Porter Street, is a reading teacher at Highland Park School. In this era of accountability and No Child Left Behind, children need to read and do math at or above grade level. They need an acceptable learning environment that includes a roof that doesn't leak and a gym and principal's office that can be used in any weather. If students are expected to achieve at high levels, there should be support for a full scope renovation.

Neal Leon, 10 Laurel Terrace, agrees with what has been said about renovations at Highland Park School. He supports a like new renovation. Mr. Leon reminded the Board that it was elected to represent the citizens of the Town and that now is not the time for a political agenda. It is time for common sense.

Paul Bolduc, 147 Ferguson Road, supports a spring 2008 bond referendum for like new renovations at Highland Park School and opposes the moratorium on bonding. He spoke of water leaks, rust stains, health risks, mold, lack of appropriate drop off and pick up facilities,

lack of music, art, and media facilities, the use of closets as classrooms, and the use of hallways for special help. All of these issues have a serious impact on students. Mr. Bolduc challenged Board members to visit Highland Park School when temperatures are in the 90s and spend the day in the classroom. The voters, parents, and taxpayers have a right to decide on this issue.

Aldo Enrico, 57 Bissell Street, noted an article in the newspaper that talked about a revitalization zone on Spruce Street. He thinks this is a good idea for the Spruce Street area and would like to get the public's opinion. Mr. Enrico disagrees with the use of the Spruce Street Firehouse as a place for children. Cars there travel too fast and people get crazy after dark. The main question he hears is why not use Nathan Hale or Bennet for the children. Mr. Enrico would like to know what the Police Department has in store for this neighborhood this year.

Lew Pelletier, 110 Center Street, spoke about the comments made regarding he and his daughter as well as comments made toward the Zoning Board of Appeals by the minority party. This is not the type of thing that should be coming from the Board of Directors. When he spoke at the Zoning Board of Appeals meeting, he only mentioned the overlay zone. He did not bring up the totally inadequate location, the drug activity, heavy traffic, or size of the building. Mr. Pelletier does not accept that the Board of Directors impugned his integrity because he showed up at a meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals. The Board of Directors has really gone over the line when they start questioning their boards and commissions about honesty.

Bonnie Schuetz, 12 Conway Road, thanked the Police Department for the work they are doing in Town. She stated that mold doesn't grow overnight and cracks don't develop overnight. She asked why these issues at Highland Park School didn't come up sooner. The school has been going downhill for a while. People should have told the Board of Education about the problems. If nothing was done, the Board of Directors should have been told. Ms. Schuetz feels bad for the kids in Town.

Robert Shanbaum, 99 Hartford Road, stated that a collision of indignation and ignorance occurred last week when one Director charged another with violating the Town's Standards of Ethical Conduct. The Standards of Ethical Conduct do not preclude Directors from acting as private citizens and you don't lose your rights to advocate for whatever cause you desire just because you are an elected official. He stated that a Director cannot do that in his or her official capacity when the cause is oneself or one's family. The Standards of Ethical Conduct explicitly prohibit you from taking part in any decision in which you or your family has a financial interest, distinct from that of the general public.

Marnie Meek, 148 East Eldridge Street, was pleased to hear a compromise was reached regarding Highland Park School. She would like to see unity from the Board of Directors. She suggested educating the Town before the referendum is put forward so people understand the savings of \$0.65 on the dollar.

Theresa Hill, 99 Ashworth Street, a lifelong resident of Manchester, said Highland Park School is the exact same building as when she attended school there. She mentioned working with a reading teacher in a shower stall. Ms. Hill supports the renovation at Highland Park School.

Dot Brindamour, 6 Morse Road, asked the Board of Directors to work together for the good of Manchester and the future of its children. She stated that even if one school per year is fixed, at least something is getting accomplished. If things aren't fixed, they will get worse and more expensive. Ms. Brindamour asked the Board to fix the East Side Rec building to get the youth off the streets. It will give the kids a place to go. She suggested getting the parents and youth in the involved districts together to get their opinions. She read an e-mail she received from her granddaughter regarding Bennet School and afternoon/evening activities.

Margaret Hackett, 144 Haystack Road, thanked the Board of Directors for being open-minded and giving this issue a lot of thought. It is important that the Board of Education and the Board of Directors continue to work together. She reviewed the schools that have already been renovated and thanked the people who came out to speak in favor of the Highland Park School renovation.

Lisa Kropp, 214 Ferguson Road, stated that the staff at Highland Park School has done a phenomenal job but that can only go so far. The school has faulty venting, faulty temperature controls, and leaks. Ms. Kropp supports a like-new renovation with a spring referendum. The children need a school that is dry, comfortable, and won't make them sick.

Leslie Frey, 30 Florence Street, stated that the nasty politics taking place within the Board of Directors is a disservice to the Town and to taxpayers. She urged Board members to put politics aside and when one side comes up with a good idea, acknowledge it and work together. Ms. Frey is concerned that the Spruce Street Block watch is being politicized. She suggested moving recreation programs out of the library and moving the Board of Education to the Hollister Building. The Town needs after-school programming for the children, but the community should be involved in the decisions. There is no real neighborhood support for the proposed Spruce Street Youth Center. She read a letter to the editor of a newspaper that references graffiti, trash, cars on the lawns, lawns not mowed, sidewalks not shoveled, and leaves not raked. She commended the Republicans for addressing quality of life issues.

Matt Miner, 15 Scarborough Road, urged the Board to support like-new renovations with a spring referendum. He received a good education in Manchester and hopes the same for his two children. He is a local business owner and takes pride in a quality work environment for his employees.

Eileen Sweeney, 86 Hawthorne Street, had a relative who went to Highland Park School and suffered from severe asthma. After she left Highland Park School, the asthma subsided. Ms. Sweeney grew up in Manchester and is very familiar with the historic neighborhoods. She advocates for the preservation of the Bennet complex and supports the use of the Cheney Building for the youth of this Town. The Cheney Building has small rooms available for counseling and larger rooms available for activities. Learning opportunities involving art, music, and more can take place in this building. Children can be inspired.

Tracy Minor, 11 Meadow Lane, stated that both of her daughters have asthma and she has a possible option to move her family. If it means cleaner air, she is willing to consider it.

Kimberly Bebyn, 112 Carter Street, requested the Board of Directors support a like-new renovation for Highland Park School. Ms. Bebyn used guided imagery to describe a hot day in a classroom at Highland Park School and asked Board members if they thought they would be able to concentrate on a day like she described.

Eric Fisher, 54 Case Mountain Road, chose to raise his children in Manchester because of the quality education. The most important factor is the quality of a teacher. He has a real concern that Manchester may not have the ability to retain and attract qualified teachers with the facilities it is offering.

Randy Dumond, 144 Autumn Street, has two daughters at Highland Park School. He stated that his employer would not allow these conditions on any of his properties. The future is our children and the renovations need to happen now.

Elizabeth Wolfson-Ruiz, 320 Dennison Ridge Drive, urged the Board to support a like new referendum for the children of Highland Park School. The school needs a new media center, especially because of the increasing need to compete in a global world. This goes beyond air quality or roof quality. We need to invest in our children's future. They need a viable media center, paraprofessionals, and a reading center. They need to learn how to podcast, create PowerPoint presentations, and research online. Currently there are two outdated computers in each classroom and the library does not have enough seats for even one class.

Bill Ogden, 137 Branford Street, admonished Board members to stop attacking each other, get along and do their jobs. Highland Park School was closed for a long time and nobody took the initiative to take care of it. Now instead of working together, the Board is going to make a political football out of this issue. Children should not have to go to a school with mold in it. Mr. Ogden spoke about two other issues he has mentioned in the past: seatbelts in school buses and fumes getting into the buses because of the location of the stacks. Any child going to school today should be in a safe environment. He spoke about an after school program he went to as a child in Hartford and would like to see after school recreation available for the children of Manchester.

Director Pelletier stated that she stands behind her allegations against Director Zingler. She stated that work will not proceed on Highland Park School until at least the summer of 2010. The subcommittee is looking for funds to fix the leaking roof before then. Ms. Pelletier stated that she asked the subcommittee to look into building a new school. Changing the footprint would alleviate parking concerns and possibly add 2,000 square feet. She was accused of using the idea of a new building as a stall tactic.

Director Sheridan stated that the air quality at Highland Park School is tested on a weekly basis. As problems are identified, the Board of Education does what they can to address them. A suggestion was made by a member of the public to educate the voters before the referendum.

Mr. Sheridan explained that members of the Board of Directors are prohibited from advocating a position on any item once a referendum is scheduled.

Mayor Spadaccini thanked everyone for coming out from the Highland Park School district and announced that the vote is scheduled for the next meeting of the Board of Directors. He noted that \$88,000 of tuition funds is available for roof repairs at Highland Park School.

Director Beckman thanked everyone who spoke and stated that he appreciates their concern. The moratorium is not a bull's eye on students' backs. He also would have liked the opportunity of a new school explored but that idea was voted down.

Deputy Mayor Peak stated it is important to focus on the short term needs, such as the roof leaking now. He appreciated the comments made about working together. He has no appetite for persecution or tension on the Board. All facts need to be considered. He is looking forward to the opinion of the Advisory Committee. He stated that he agrees with Ms. Pelletier's assessment of the situation.

Director Zingler explained that he was acting in the capacity of an employee of MARC, Inc. looking for bonding information. He made it clear he was acting in his capacity as an employee of MARC, Inc. Mr. Zingler did not learn about the language in the bill until after it was already submitted. When he found out, he met with the General Manager and the Mayor and again was clear he was there as an employee of MARC, Inc. After receiving an e-mail stating that the Town could have liability, he called Mr. Barry and asked him to change the language of the bill, which has been done. Mr. Zingler cannot understand why personal attacks have been made on him when a simple phone call could have straightened this out. He stated he has always abstained from any vote that directly or indirectly affects his employer. His integrity and the integrity of his family has been attacked. The Board of Directors needs to come together and work as one body, otherwise it will self-destruct and the citizens will lose. Mr. Zingler asked for a personal apology so the Board can move on.

Director Tweedie stated that Secretary Pelletier has the best interests of the Town at heart when talking about the bill. She was concerned about a lawsuit against the Town. Mr. Tweedie supports her and believes she did what she thought was right.

Director Topping apologized for speaking out of line at last week's meeting; he and the rest of the Board got caught up in politics. He does not think the Board of Directors' meeting is the proper forum to attack the integrity of another Board member. The Board needs to work together. Mr. Topping stated that he does not personally think Mr. Zingler did anything wrong.

Director Beckman thanked Mr. Topping for his apology. He expressed his support for Ms. Pelletier.

Mayor Spadaccini said he is glad to hear the desire to work more closely together. He was present at the meeting with MARC, Inc. and described the events leading up to the meeting. He doesn't recall a distinct line being drawn and recollects both MARC, Inc. employees advocating

for the bill. The bill listed the Town of Manchester as the recipient of grant funds. During the meeting it was never mentioned that this was an oversight. He stated that during the course of the meeting he did not feel intimidated or threatened. He believes an error in judgment was made and we should all acknowledge it and move on.

3. PUBLIC HEARINGS.

A. Appropriation to Special Projects as follows:

1. Federal Asset Forfeiture Account\$4,555
for continuing narcotics investigations, equipment, and/or training to be financed by proceeds from narcotics investigations.
2. Children’s Butterfly Garden at Northwest Park.....\$190
to be financed by donations from Don and Joan Kelsey (\$70), Joe and Dorothy Perzanowski (\$25), Pat, Donna, Jane, Sandy, Melanie and Marylynn (\$30), Nancy Vajcovec (\$15) and Joyce and David Trainer (\$50) which are gratefully acknowledged and accepted.
3. Discovery Grant for Young Children\$10,000
to be financed by a grant from the William Casper Graustein Memorial Fund for the benefit of the School Readiness Council.
4. School Readiness Council\$4,190
additional funding for school readiness slots to be financed by the School Readiness - Severe Need Schools grant through the State Department of Education.
5. Social Services Block Grant –
State Administered General Assistance (SAGA) (10/01/7–9/30/08).....\$46,998
for regional social services coordination to be financed by a grant from the State Department of Social Services (DSS) and authorization for Scott Shanley, General Manager to enter into and amend any and all related contracts with the State of Connecticut.

Mayor Spadaccini opened the floor for public comment at this time. There being no public comment the hearing on this item was closed.

B. Appropriations to Education Special Projects as follows:

1. Bilingual Education Program (FY 2007-08).....\$4,928
to be financed a grant from the Connecticut State Department of Education.
2. Manchester Head Start Link Grant (FY07/08)\$27,500
for expansion of services to low-income families to be financed by a grant from the Connecticut State Department of Education.
3. Enfield Head Start Link Grant (FY07/08)\$27,500
for additional direct language and literacy services to be financed by a grant from the Connecticut State Department of Education.

Mayor Spadaccini opened the floor for public comment at this time. There being no public comment the hearing on this item was closed.

- C. Approval of an ordinance repealing Chapter 28, Article XIII, Sections 28-64 through 28-67, of the Code of Ordinances, dissolving the Commemoration Commission.
(A copy of the proposed ordinance may be seen in the Town Clerk's office during normal business hours.)

Mayor Spadaccini opened the floor for public comment at this time. There being no public comment the hearing on this item was closed.

- D. 1. Appropriation to Capital Improvement Reserve –
Sidewalk project (Safe Routes to School)\$337,100
to be funded by a grant under the Federal Safe Routes to School
Program; and
- 2. Adoption of a resolution authorizing the General Manager to enter into
and amend agreements to implement this appropriation.

General Manager Shanley congratulated the Public Works department on this grant award.

Mark Carlino, Director of Public Works, explained that this is a brand new Federal program. The State Department of Transportation awarded only four grants statewide; Manchester received two of those. The grant is for the extension of sidewalks to connect them and eliminate existing gaps. The Department will be going out to bid this summer.

Mayor Spadaccini opened the floor for public comment at this time. There being no public comment the hearing on this item was closed.

RECESS.

The Board took a brief recess at 9:37 p.m. and returned at 9:50 p.m.

Secretary Pelletier moved and Director Beckman seconded the motion to recess.

Nine Voted in Favor

- E. Approval of an ordinance regulating newsracks in public rights of way. (A copy of the proposed ordinance may be seen in the Town Clerk's office during normal business hours.)

General Manager Shanley was asked to have this item ready for tonight's agenda. The staff still has some concerns and the Town Attorney has an issue or two with the current proposal. He stated that this ordinance still needs some refinement.

Mr. Carlino further explained that this ordinance was modeled after other municipalities that have an ordinance of this type. The purpose is to provide uniform guidelines for newsracks to avoid damage to public property, bus stops, and bus shelters.

Mayor Spadaccini opened the floor for public comment at this time. There being no public comment the hearing on this item was closed.

Mayor Spadaccini asked how much time will be needed to work on areas of concern and whether or not there will be substantial changes.

Mr. Carlino said the staff changes are minor things such as distances and time requirements.

Attorney Naab said his concerns can be worked out in a short time if needed. He will give thoughts and recommendations to Board members in a few days.

Mayor Spadaccini said the next meeting is in two weeks. He asked if the changes will be substantive enough that another hearing will need to be held.

Attorney Naab suggested discussing specific changes outside of the meeting, but did not think another hearing would be necessary at this time.

Director Topping asked to be included in the meeting on this subject because he has a couple of questions.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR (with the addition of Item 3.C).

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Director Tweedie moved and Director Topping seconded the motion to adopt the consent calendar.

Nine Voted in Favor

5. REPORTS.

A. Manager’s Report.

General Manager Shanley noted the memo Board members received in their mail log regarding performance measurements. His recommendation is to move forward with a reduced scope project with a consulting firm. He emphasized he is not recommending moving forward with the larger, broader scope. Mr. Shanley noted that the alternative energy subcommittee needs to meet again to go over RFPs for solar installations.

B. QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS BY BOARD MEMBERS REGARDING ITEMS ON THE AGENDA THAT MAY NEED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR THE NEXT MEETING.

Deputy Mayor Peak was pleased to read about the staffing numbers at the Police Department. He noticed that the number of Police Officers in the training program went from four to three and asked if that was because someone completed the program or dropped out. General Manager Shanley stated that one person did not successfully complete the program.

Director Zingler asked if Board members would be receiving information about the YSB proposal before the next meeting. General Manager Shanley did not think staff would be prepared to discuss anything publicly. There will most likely be an executive session instead.

Deputy Mayor Peak asked for a list of community agencies (item 16.A) that received funding last year. He asked if there is a criteria or process used when making recommendations.

Secretary Pelletier asked that the individuals who put forth the resolutions concerning the funding of MSIP and community agencies forward any information they may have as to where cuts will be made in the budget to allow funding for these items.

6. RECESS TO SECOND WEEK.

The meeting was recessed until the March 18, 2008 second meeting of the month.

Secretary Pelletier moved and Director Beckman seconded the motion to recess.

Nine Voted in Favor

Recess: 10:17 p.m.

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APPROVED:

ATTEST:

Secretary, Manchester Board of Directors