

Beekmantown Central School District

Operations Committee Meeting

Place: Conference Room at District Offices

January 22, 2008

Call to Order

Chairman, Leonard King called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

Members Present

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Richard LaVigne	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> George Palmer
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Leonard King	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Steve Trombley
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Don Strong	

Others Present

Scott Amo, Superintendent of Schools
Garth Frechette, High School Principal
Craig Lamoreaux, The Thomas Group
Iris Willis, The Thomas Group
Michael O'Conner, The Thomas Group

Recorder

Jeri Bennett was present and recorded meeting minutes.

Previous Minutes

Minutes for the December 11, 2007 Operations Committee Meeting were reviewed.

Old Business

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Craig Lamoreaux opened the meeting with introductions of the members of Thomas Group attending the meeting. Michael O'Conner, Manager of Civil Engineers for Thomas Group was introduced. He and Mr. Strong will be doing a site visit and evaluating the dosing systems. Mr. Lamoreaux continued by discussing the spreadsheet (enclosed) containing the District's list of items from the 5 year plan and "wish list" items.

He explained details of the spreadsheet, relaying that items meeting EXCEL requirements were duly noted with "x's". He also noted that they had re-worked the figures to be more in line with current pricing. Included in his comments and demonstrated through the spreadsheet, items related to the Bus Garage, West Chazy Elementary and the District Office did not meet the criteria for EXCEL aid. This being said, Superintendent Amo guided the committee towards three choices:

1. Prioritize list up to, but not beyond, the no cost to district plan;
2. Expand list of EXCEL items, with slight cost to district, and run the athletic complex as a separate capital project;
3. Fund all items, rolling some into a capital project.

Craig Lamoreaux expressed the need to make choices as the deadline to file for EXCEL projects is June 2008 and the time to pull things together for the May Budget vote was getting short.

Discussion lead to the decision to only put forth items covered by the EXCEL aid with no cost to the voters.

Committee went through the spreadsheet indicating what items were the most important to be accomplished with EXCEL monies. Those items were highlighted, an updated spreadsheet was given to the district. Thomas Group was to attend that evening's Board Meeting to present the same information to the full Board.

Committee members will make a recommendation to the other members of the Board of Education, with an expectation of a decision on whether to accept the recommendations and move forward with putting the referendum up for voter consideration in May, 2008.

Final discussions began regarding the combined services grant between the district and the Town of Beekmantown. Senator Betty Little has offered a \$125,000 feasibility grant to district's to investigate combining services such as the District's Bus Garage Facilities and the Town of Beekmantown's Highway Garage Facilities. Dr. Palmer suggested the initial contact between the district and the Town should be done by the Superintendent. Mr. Amo will initiate that contact and report back to the Committee Members.

Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeri Bennett