

**NEWBURYPORT SCHOOL COMMITTEE
SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES**

Sub-Committee: Buildings and Capital
Meeting Date: January 25 2008
In Attendance: G. Bechtel, S. Weaver, D. Hooper, D. Farrel
Absent:

(1) Elect a Chair

- ▶ Dana Hooper was elected Chairperson

(2) Set a standard meeting schedule for the rest of the school year

- ▶ Noon on the Friday after the 2nd school committee meeting of the month.

(3) Discuss and establish the goals for this committee for the remainder of the year

- ▶ Work with Steve Bergholm and Deirdre Farrell to develop the 2008 5 year capital needs plan
- ▶ Update and submit the necessary 2008 forms and applications for receiving funds from the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA)
- ▶ Develop a long term vision for the districts school building

(4) Discuss and establish an action plan to achieve the goals

- ▶ We brainstormed ideas on developing a long-term vision for school buildings. Ideas included:
 - Survey
 - Forums
 - Get people excited about buildings
 - Tour Salisbury to what is possible
 - Couple the technology vision into the buildings visions.
 - Include possibility of upgrading city-wide technology

(5) Other Issues

- ▶ Emergency Generator in RAN – no longer operable. Have to restart the bidding process after a donation from a local company fell through. The cost for a new electric generator is about \$55K. We are currently operable for a school-wide emergency but not for a city-wide emergency.
- ▶ Green Committee: January 30th. Steve B. preparing presentation at 8:15 for green committee
- ▶ Going Green Business Expo. Wed., Feb 13, 2:30 to 6:00 pm, Nock Middle School
- ▶ Deirdre going to Stadium project meeting.
- ▶ Timeframe for developing the 2008 capital plan: Last year done in December but this budget process took priority. To be discussed at next subcom meeting.

(6) Agreed Upon Actions

- (1) **ACTION:** Gordy will talk to Mayor Moak about coupling this process with the city tech plan*
- (2) **ACTION:** Entire COMMITTEE get questions to DANA to pull together a draft survey regarding the vision for buildings*
- (3) **ACTION:** Deirdre confirm Steve Bergholm's attendance at the next subcommittee meeting.*
- (4) **ACTION:** Next meeting agenda add discussion of timeframe for developing the 2008 capital plan.*

(7) Next Meeting

- ▶ Friday, February 29, 12:00 p.m. in Superintendent Conference Room