

**School Building Committee (SBC) Meeting**  
**May 8, 2013 4:00 PM**  
**Sessions Conference Room**

Attendees: SBSC members Roy Litchfield, Denton Butler, Bill Baxter, Superintendent, Philip O'Reilly, Principals Luzetti & Shaw, Architects Mangiagli, Boos, & Solywoda of KBA

Butler called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM. This is the first meeting of the newly constituted SBC as appointed at the Annual Town Meeting.

In recognition of the referendum defeat of the school security initiative for all three schools the SBC conducted a "round-table" to provide its observations of the vote. Those observations included:

Failed Leadership – Pro-education resources did not mount a program to support the initiative; The BOE was marginally divided on the benefits of proceeding and weakened public perception of its importance. No public endorsements by the BOF or BOS.

Half-truths and misunderstandings – Some residents felt that the office relocation at Antolini was for the convenience of the administrators; it was perceived that Oak Hill was getting a new kitchen.

Information – Failure to communicate the project and its attributes to a wide enough audience to gain approval.

Finances – Uncertainty of reimbursement by the State; BOF vacillation concerning the means by which the project would be funded.

Butler suggested that the SBC attend the next BOE meeting to determine the next moves by the Board. Additionally, Butler agreed to develop a straw-man telephone survey to solicit feedback from "voters who went to the polls" to determine their reasons for the defeat. This information would be presented to the BOE at its meeting May 21.

Kathleen Pane, Project Manager of EnviroScience, the testing arm of Fuss & O'neil, discussed a suggested approach to the removal of hazardous materials should the project be reinitiated.

The Architects and EnviroScience were placed in a holding pattern until such time as a decision to abandon or proceed is determined.

The meeting adjourned at 5:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Denton Butler  
May 14, 2013