

Select-Board Meeting: 02-10-2014

Attending meeting: Board members, Vic St. Cyr, Julia Simonds

Meeting called to order by Chairman, Vic St. Cyr at 5:30 pm

Chairman Vic St Cyr made a motion to accept meeting minutes.

Seconded by Julia Simonds

Motion passed 2/0

White Mountain Regional High School Principal Mike Berry, and CTE Director Lisa Perras discussed the plans for the new Career & Technical Education Center-WMRHS. They discussed goals and objectives and answered questions asked by the Select-Board. It was agreed by those present that the CTE program would be a huge benefit to the surrounding communities. The State funding is currently available at 75%. It was explained by Mike Berry that the funding may be reduced or go away entirely if the project is not accepted by the voters. Chairman Vic St Cyr asked about student enrollments numbers and if the CTE project would be opened up to allow for more venues for career training opportunities. Lisa Perras explained that the CTE project would be a huge benefit for young females in the area. It would allow for a border scope of opportunities to advance their career paths through skills building programs and advanced college courses, in addition to large cost savings to families. Students that plan to advance their education in college or other advanced technical training could see a large savings by getting the certification at the high school level. Students enrolled in the CTE programs may only need a year or two of college, thus saving on college tuition. There was also a discussion as to wood fired boiler vs geothermal and the cost comparisons. It was explained that the cost of the total project would be \$18,073,862 with 13.5 million in state aid (approx..75%) and \$4,573,862 local share (approx.25%) to be voted in March 2014 as part of the school district warrant. This is a 3 to 1 match with our share only 25 cents on the dollar. The Select-Board thanked the representatives for the information and updates.

Chairman Vic St Cyr made a motion to go into executive session to discuss staffing and personnel as well as legal issues.

Seconded by Julia Simonds

Motion passed 2/0

The Select-Board went into executive session at 6:15.

The Select-Board came out of executive session at 6:30

Action taken.

Julia Simonds made a motion to adjourn.

Seconded by Vic St Cyr

Motion passed 2/0

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm.

Chairman, Victor St. Cyr

Julia Simonds

Kathy Barden