

GREATER JOHNSTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Education Special Meeting
July 29, 2010
Administrative Conference Room

I. Called to order by Board President at 9:02 a.m.

ATTENDEES:

Ronald Beck	Leslie Buggeln-Bosworth	Robert Curtis
Douglas Dougherty	Scott Miller	Evamarie Mraz
Jennifer Sponnoble	Paul VanDenburgh	

ABSENT:

James Levin

OTHERS:

Katherine Sullivan, Superintendent	E.J. Maye, Director of Facilities & Operations
Alice Dillenbeck, Business Manager	

II. **BOARD OF EDUCATION ITEMS**

A. **Emergency Capital Project – Pleasant Avenue Elementary School**

Board Member Mr. Dougherty presents the following resolution and moves its adoption, seconded by Board Member Mr. Miller:

WHEREAS, one of the column bases at the Pleasant Avenue Elementary School in the Greater Johnstown School District (“School District”) has experienced a partial failure resulting in a lateral shift of the column and a thorough engineering assessment of the situation reveals that there are also several other column bases in need of repair in the basement/crawl space of the school which are in imminent danger of failure; and

WHEREAS, the engineer and District Architect have advised the School District that these failures or imminent failures imperil the structural integrity of the building and, although there are temporary support measures in placed, the situation must be permanently repaired as soon as possible; and

WHEREAS, the health and safety of the students and staff is threatened by this structural situation; and

WHEREAS, the current failure and expected failure of the columns requires immediate repair to preserved the property and to assure the health and safety of students and staff; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THIS BOARD OF EDUCATION AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Board of Education hereby determines that the repair of the support columns of the Pleasant Avenue Elementary School is an ordinary contingent expense that is necessary to preserve property and to assure the health and safety of students and staff. The Board of Education further determines that the current and expected failure of the support columns is a condition that affects the health and safety of the students and staff and that the repair of the columns requires emergency, immediate action to preserve the property.

Section 2. The School District is hereby authorized to undertake the necessary repairs of the support columns and to undertake associated work as required to eliminate the source of the failure and as further described by the District Architect and his consulting engineer and to expend from the General fund an amount not to exceed \$500,000 for such purpose.

Section 3. The Superintendent of Schools and District Architect are hereby authorized to file any necessary and proper paperwork with the State Education Department to proceed with the emergency repairs of the support columns.

Section 4. The Superintendent of Schools and District Architect are hereby authorized to immediately prepare repair specifications and proceed with the emergency repair of the support columns.

Section 5. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

VOTE: 8 YES 0 NO

B. Emergency Capital Project – Pleasant Avenue Elementary School - SEQRA

Board Member Mr. Dougherty presents the following resolution and moves its adoption, seconded by Board Member Mr. VanDenburgh:

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Greater Johnstown School District (“Board”) has proposed to undertake a project, on an emergency basis, consisting of the replacement and/or repair of various support beams located in the basement of the Pleasant Avenue Elementary School, 235 Pleasant Avenue, Johnstown, New York (“the Project”); and

WHEREAS, the board wishes to fully comply with its obligations under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (“SEQRA”) and the regulations thereunder with respect to the proposed action; and

WHEREAS, the Board has carefully considered the nature and scope of the proposed action; and

WHEREAS, upon review of the foregoing, the Board makes the following determinations:

1. The proposed action involves the replacement and/or repair of various support beams located in the basement of the Pleasant Avenue Elementary School, 235 Pleasant Avenue, Johnstown, New York.
2. The proposed project represents maintenance or repair involving no substantial changes in an existing facility or structure within the meaning of 6 NYCRR 617.5(c)(1); and/or alternatively the replacement, rehabilitation or reconstruction of a structure or facility in kind within the meaning of 6 NYCRR 617.5(c)(2); and/or alternatively, a routine activity of an educational institution, including the expansion of existing facilities by less than 10,000 square feet, within the meaning of 6 NYCRR § 617.5(c)(8); and/or alternatively an emergency action immediately necessary for the protection or preservation of life, health, property, or natural resources within the meaning of 6 NYCRR § 617.5(c)(33).
3. The proposed action will in no case have a significant adverse impact on the environment based on the criteria contained in 6 NYCRR § 617.7(c), and is not otherwise a Type I action as defined by 6 NYCRR § 617.4.
4. The proposed action is a Type II action within the meaning of 6 NYCRR 617.5 and is therefore not subject to review under SEQRA and the regulations thereunder.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board finds and concludes that the proposed action is a Type II action within the meaning of 6 NYCRR 617.5 and therefore is not subject to review under SEQRA and the regulations thereunder.

VOTE: 8 YES 0 NO

C. Authorization to Execute Contract with Bonacci Architects

Motion by Mrs. Buggeln-Bosworth seconded by Mr. Miller to authorize the Superintendent of Schools, or the President of the Board of Education, to execute a contract for services with Bonacci Architects, with offices at Syracuse, New York and Utica, New York, for the purpose of providing architectural and engineering services related to emergency repairs at Pleasant Avenue Elementary School.

VOTE: 8 YES 0 NO

D. Authorization to Execute Contract with Beebe Construction Services

Motion by Mr. VanDenburgh seconded by Mrs. Buggeln-Bosworth to authorize the Superintendent of Schools, or the President of the Board of Education, to execute a contract for services with Beebe Construction Services, with an office at Utica, New York, for the purpose of construction management/general construction services associated with the emergency repair work at Pleasant Avenue Elementary School.

VOTE: 8 YES 0 NO

III. MOTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS THE EMPLOYMENT HISTORY OF PARTICULAR PERSONS

Motion by Mr. Dougherty seconded by Mrs. Buggeln-Bosworth to go to executive session for the purpose of discussing the employment history of particular persons at 9:28 a.m.

VOTE: 8 YES 0 NO

IV. RECONVENE IN PUBLIC SESSION

Motion by Mr. Dougherty, seconded by Mrs. Buggeln-Bosworth, to reconvene in public session at 10:10 a.m.

VOTE: 8 YES 0 NO

V. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mrs. Buggeln-Bosworth seconded by Mrs. Spinnoble to adjourn at 10:10 a.m.

VOTE: 8 YES 0 NO

Respectfully submitted,

Larraina Carpenter,
District Clerk