Concord School District  
Capital Facilities Committee Minutes

School Board Committee: Capital Facilities  
Date: November 14, 2012

Committee members present: Clint Cogswell, Chair, Nick Metalious, Tara Reardon, Elizabeth Hoadley

Other Board member/s present: Kass Ardinger, Barbara Higgins

Administration: Donna Palley, Matt Cashman, Jack Dunn

Others: Joe Spain, Bill Norton, Principal Stephen Donohue and members of St. John’s Regional School Advisory Board

Board President Kass Ardinger appointed Tara Reardon as a member of the Capital Facilities Committee in the absence of Bill Glahn.

Clint Cogswell opened the meeting at 6:30 p.m. The agenda is to hear a presentation by representatives of Christ the King Parish for possible acquisition of the Rumford School building. Matt Cashman introduced the contingent from Christ the King Parish (Joe Spain, Bill Norton and Stephen Donohue, Principal of St. John’s School).

Mr. Norton said that Christ the King Parish has three Catholic churches: Sacred Heart, St. Peter’s and St. John’s, and St. John’s Regional School with 129 students in pre-school through 8th grade. Mr. Norton and Mr. Spain displayed their plans for the building. The new plan would include adding an elevator, accessibility/ADA compliance and life safety issues, overhaul of the electrical system and updates for energy efficiency.

Mr. Norton told the Committee their proposal to buy Rumford School is for $600,000 cash. They anticipate an expeditious closing. The Rumford building would remain a school. The parish would like to purchase the building with an anticipated closing date of January 15, 2013. Their plan calls for the school to open in September of 2014.

Mr. Cogswell, Elizabeth Hoadley and Ms. Ardinger said that they would like to see the Rumford building continue to be used as a school. Residents of the neighborhood noted they wanted either a preschool or a community center in the building and support the parish’s plan to move St. John’s Regional School to the Rumford building.

Other Board members noted they would have preferred a buyer that would not be tax-exempt, but other advantages outweigh that consideration. It was suggested that be other mitigating factors and tradeoffs by the remaining unused school buildings being
purchased by non-tax-exempt buyers and those buildings going back on the tax rolls would balance this sale.

Mr. Cogswell motioned to accept the proposal submitted by Christ the King Parish. Elizabeth Hoadley seconded the motion. The Capital Facilities Committee voted 4-0 to accept the proposal. The Committee will make a recommendation to the full School Board at their December meeting.

The committee adjourned at 7:00 p.m. (motioned by Mr. Cogswell, Chair; seconded by Mrs. Hoadley).

Clint Cogswell, Chair
Matt Cashman, Recorder