School Board Committee: Capital Facilities

Date: July 13, 2011

Committee Members Present: Jack Dunn, Chair, Clint Cogswell

Other Board member/s present: Kass Ardinger, Jennifer Patterson

Administration: Matt Cashman

Others: Van McLeod

Agenda: Stable Building use as a media center

Chairperson Jack Dunn opened the meeting at 5:30 p.m. The agenda was to discuss use of the “Stable building” as a media center. The ideal plan would be to use the building as an art building, with an emphasis on visual arts such as ConcordTV.

Mr. Cogswell introduced Mr. Van McLeod, who explained his vision that the stable building could be an educational leadership institution and possibly used for all Concord schools. The building would be accessible to everyone focused around a cable television station. The basement could be turned into a studio that could be used for local, public, educational and government broadcasts to benefit Concord. The interior could be completely renovated with the outside essentially left as is. He indicated that his group needs to develop a plan for the process of obtaining funds and would need to have the full support of the School District and the public to use the building as a media center in order to obtain financial support.

Matt Cashman stated that the group would need to engage an architect to have an in-depth feasibility study performed, including an analysis of the building to determine its use as a media center. Engaging an architect for a feasibility study and schematic designs will determine how much it would cost to completely renovate the building. He stated that it could cost as much as $100,000 for the schematic drawings.

Kass Ardinger suggested that the full Board hear a presentation from the group and have the opportunity to vote on whether the building could be used for this purpose. Mr. Dunn concurred that the Board would need a formal presentation.

The committee adjourned at 6:03 p.m. (motioned by Mr. Dunn, seconded by Mr. Cogswell).

Jack Dunn, Chair

Matt Cashman, Recorder