

**Borough of Watchung**  
**Planning Board Special Meeting @ 7:00pm**  
**B.O.E. Long Range Facilities Plan**  
**March 16th , 2010**  
**Minutes**

Salute to the Flag.

Chairman Speeney called the special meeting to order at 7:03 and stated that notice of this meeting had been posted in Borough Hall, filed with the Borough Clerk and given in the way of notice to the Courier News, Echoes Sentinel, and Star Ledger in conformance with the N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq.

Present at the call of the roll were: Speeney[X] Boyd[X] Havas[X] Haveson[A]Addario[X] Pennett[X] Schaefer[X] Beck-Clemens[X] Panzarella[X] Ellis[A] Pote[A] Also present was Board Attorney Frank Linnus and Board Engineer Tom Herits.

Also present were Board Secretary Diane Faucher, Superintendent MaryLou Malyska, Board of Education member Cathy Caldas and Mr. Douglas Kovats, attorney from Kenny, Gross Kovats and Parton of 130 Maple Avenue, Bldg. #8, Red Bank, NJ 07701 was in attendance as well, representing the Board of Education. Mr. Kellin Chapin, Architect from Chapin Architectural Services, PA 17 Main Street, Netcong, NJ 07857.

Chairman Speeney stated this was a special meeting to review the Long Range Facilities Plan of the Watchung Board of Education.

Mr. Linnus explained that holding this meeting was a requirement of the Municipal Land Use Law under section 40:55D-31. The Planning Board is required to review the Long Range Facilities Plan of the Board of Education and to dedicate an entire meeting for review of this plan. Mr. Linnus explained that the most important finding the board must make is whether this Long Range Facilities Plan is consistent with the Master Plan.

Mr. Douglas Kovats, attorney from Kenny, Gross Kovats and Parton, 130 Maple Avenue, Bldg. #8, Red Bank, NJ 07701 came to the microphone. Mr. Kovats introduced Mr. Chapin, the board architect. Mr. Kovats said he would be happy to answer any questions that the board had and he would be relatively brief because the board of education is on the same five year plan that the board received last, with no plan of expanding the footprint of any facilities or major renovations. Normal maintenance or minor modifications of bathroom facilities or a possibly refiguration of a classroom is all that is forseen at this time. There will be no changes that will affect traffic.

Superintendent Dr. MaryLou Malyska came to the microphone and was sworn in. Dr. Malyska said that they have no intention of expanding any of the buildings. They will accommodate the needs of the children within the confines of the buildings. If there is a need to create a space for special education, they will create a space within an existing classroom. Dr. Malyska said that they do not have any significant increase in expected enrollment.

Mr. Kovats said that if the board has nothing else, that really concludes the presentation. The Chair opened up questions or comments to the public. Hearing none, the Chair closed the public portion of the meeting. Alan Haveson asked for clarification on some of the verbiage, and Mr. Kellin Chapin was sworn in and clarified. He said that the wordings in these pages are state generated. He said that this document is actually a "living document" that is constantly changing. Chairman Speeney said that he wanted to enter into the record that there was a review of the Long Range Facilities Plan by a Planning Board sub-committee on March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2010 comprised of himself, Jim Boyd, Tony Addario and Tracee Schaefer. Mr. Boyd, on behalf of this sub-committee stated that they found no negative impact on the Master Plan regarding the Long Range Facilities Plan. The recommendation of the Chair to the Planning Board was to recommend the Watchung Board of Education's Long Range Facilities Plan. The Chair asked for a motion to create a resolution that states the Long Range Facilities Plan is informed and consistent with the land use plan element and the housing plan element contained within the municipal Master Plan. Alan Haveson, seconded by Mr. Boyd, made that motion. Hearing no discussion, the Chair asked the Clerk to call the roll. The roll call vote was as follows.  
Speeney[yes] Boyd[yes] Havas[yes] Haveson[yes] Addario[yes] Pennett[yes]  
Schaefer[yes] Panzarella[yes]  
The motion carried.

Mr. Kovats thanked the Board for their time, and the Chair thanked everyone from the Board.

The Chair adjourned the meeting until the next meeting of March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2010 @ 7:30

Respectfully Submitted,

Carolyn Taylor  
Planning Board Clerk