SALEM SCHOOL BOARD  
SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT #57  
SALEM, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Regular Meeting  
September 8, 2016  
7:30 p.m.  
SHS TV Studio

MINUTES

Present:  
Mrs. Pamela Berry, Chairman  
Mr. Bernard Campbell, Vice Chairman  
Mr. Peter Morgan, Secretary  
Mr. Michael Carney, Jr., Member  
Mrs. Patricia Corbett, Member

Also Present:  
Dr. Michael Delahanty, Ed. D., Superintendent  
Mrs. Maura Palmer, Assistant Superintendent  
Mrs. Deborah Payne, Assistant Superintendent for Business Operations  
Mrs. Diana Darnstaedt, Director of Finance

Mrs. Berry called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. followed by the pledge of allegiance.

FISK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LANDSCAPE PLAN
Dr. Delahanty stated that he now has the costs from Mr. Wagner for the plants and gardens being installed at Fisk School which had been discussed at a previous meeting. The cost of the irrigation for each garden has also been provided by Nassar Landscaping. Dr. Delahanty introduced Mr. Messenheimer, Director of Maintenance.

Mr. Messenheimer stated the cost for the plants for all nine garden sections is $8,292.80. The landscape design from Wagner Design is $1,250. The planting to be done by Nassar Landscaping was quoted at $7,140. Mr. Messenheimer stated the irrigation for the street side gardens is $14,985 and the two gardens on the ball field side will be $1,700. He explained that plumbing for tying the water lines into the school will be done by Denron Plumbing at a cost of $6,282 and the water meter from the town will cost $510.

Mr. Morgan asked about the garden island in the parking lot and how that will be watered. Mr. Messenheimer responded that it will be taken care of by running it by the stairs, having hoses strung across the drive area, with a 2x4 bridge to protect the hose.

Mr. Carney mentioned that putting the changes in place that the board requested last week increased the cost of this project by 36%. He is questioning whether or not it is worth the $4,000 increase or if we can get by with the original proposal. He explained that last week there was a cost for 94 sprinkler heads and this week there is a cost for the 94 sprinkler heads plus drip
zones. Mr. Messenheimer explained that the 94 heads was a maximum and now with the
additional drip zones the head count will probably be lowered and the cost will be adjusted
accordingly. He stated the first quote was based on the outlined area and the final bid is after
seeing what plants will be in the designated areas. That is also a cause for the adjustment in
price.

Dr. Delahanty stated that Mr. Wagner mentioned a certain kind of watering like the drip zones
will support perennial plants better than sprinkler heads but can understand the concern in the
cost change.

Mr. Carney also brought up the fact that the town is having a drought right now with water
restrictions and mentioned if there is an outright ban on all outdoor watering, the new plants will
not be able to be watered and the board should consider that.

Mr. Campbell stated that he can understand why the irrigation quote was slightly higher because
of the change of knowing the exact plants to be purchased. He suggested possibly installing the
irrigation system right now and then waiting to purchase some of the plants in the spring.

Dr. Delahanty stated we do not have to purchase plants now and can find out about the
establishment of new plantings and what they need to survive. He can understand wanting to
wait possibly until spring.

Mr. Morgan stated that the town cannot draw water from Arlington Pond until Columbus Day
weekend. He feels that with that date approaching there is not too much reason to be concerned
about a full water ban. Mrs. Corbett asked about the timeline of this project. Mr. Messenheimer
replied that about three weeks is when they want to move forward. Dr. Delahanty asked if the
board wants to move forward with this, as it will take Mr. Wagner time to obtain the plantings.
He said he will see how long the plants can be sustained.

Motion by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mrs. Corbett to approve the proposal as circulated this
evening for landscape plan at Fisk School with the irrigation and plumbing, with the planting to
begin based on the judgment of the administration in consideration of the possible water ban.
Motion carried 4-1-0
Mr. Carney opposed

Adjournment

Motion by Mrs. Corbett, seconded by Mr. Carney to adjourn.
Motion carried 5-0

The board adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Lani R. Leland
Recording Secretary, Salem School Board
September 9, 2016