

IN BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
WEDNESDAY, JULY 7, 1982

Present: Chairman William J. Cossart, John E. Murray and Anne W. Donald.

The statutory requirements as to notice having been fulfilled, the meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chairman William J. Cossart.

Executive Session

At 6:30 p.m. it was on motion by roll call

VOTED: To enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing strategy for collective bargaining or litigation where open discussion of the same may have a detrimental effect.

(Roll call vote: Chairman Cossart in favor; Selectman Murray, in favor; Selectman Donald, in favor.)

Public session was convened at 8:00 p.m.

Excessed Schools - Loring and Fairbank

The Board of Selectmen reviewed and discussed at length communications from Executive Secretary Richard E. Thompson, Selectman John E. Murray and Alan Grathwohl of the Lincoln-Sudbury Regional School District Committee, dated July 6, July 7, and July 7, 1982 respectively, relative to the general subject of the Loring and Fairbank Schools. It was a consensus of the Board, after review of the above-noted communications, that there was no strong financial incentive to move High School West to Loring for a one-year temporary basis. In addition, it was the opinion of the Board that a review of the "start up" cost analysis favored keeping High School West at Fairbank and using whatever money available to make temporary repairs to accommodate the same.

After further considerable discussion, it was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To direct Town Counsel to proceed to prepare a lease for the use of the Fairbank School by High School West for the fiscal 1983 session.

It was the understanding of the Board that more discussion must ensue involving the Permanent Building Committee and the District Committee resolving the location of High School West within the Fairbank structure and renovation costs related thereto.

It was further on motion unanimously

VOTED: To support the concept of a Community Center at Fairbank School.

On this vote it was the strong position of the Board that the financial savings by not dissolving High School West, as presented by the District Committee, supports construction of a Community Center which incorporates High School West; in future years, if High School West is dissolved or absorbed elsewhere, the economic feasibility of the Community Center should be re-evaluated.

It was also on motion

VOTED: That it is the intent of the Board of Selectmen to call a Special Town Meeting in October of 1982 to address the above votes.

It was the consensus of the Board that October 7 would probably be the best date for a Special Town Meeting and the calling of the same will be scheduled at the August 9 Board of Selectmen Meeting.

The Executive Secretary was directed to prepare articles for the proposed October Special Town Meeting in accordance with the list distributed to the Board this evening, it being noted that the Board has not taken any official position on any such proposed articles. Possible warrant articles are as follows:

1. Fairbank and Loring Schools (Community Center)
2. Boundary change with Wayland
3. Accept G. L. c.59, s.5, clause 17C re real estate tax abatements
4. Off-street Parking Bylaw
5. Police contract
6. Town Hall (general government) office facilities
7. Sealer of Weights & Measures fees

On the suggestion of Selectman Murray that the Loring School be partially demolished and used for local school administration purposes, it was the unanimous position of the Board to have Chairman Cossart contact School Committee Chairman Adrienne Powell to informally discuss the possibility of the local School Committee voting to excess Nixon School and use Loring School for administrative purposes, thus allowing use of Nixon School for general Town government purposes, and agree to proceed to the October Special Town Meeting to consummate the above proposals. On this matter, Selectman Murray requested that the Executive Secretary put together for Chairman Cossart any school demographic/population material which might be available for his and the Board's information.

#### Central Gasoline Accounting

Selectman Murray asked that through the Town Accountant the feasibility of centralizing the Town gasoline accounts, as was done some years ago with the Communications Account, be explored and brought back to the Board for consideration as soon as possible.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:45 p.m.

Attest:

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Richard E. Thompson  
Executive Secretary-Clerk