

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES OF MEETING
SEPTEMBER 2, 2010**

Selectmen present: Rosendel Gerry, Chairman, Stacey Parra, and H. Bob Plausse.

Excused: Cathy Hardy and Jason Trundy

Joint meeting with School Committee to discuss school consolidation issues as part of the Lincolnville School Committee's regular meeting.

The Board of Selectmen's meeting was called to order by Chairman Gerry shortly after 7 p.m.

School Committee Chair Walker stated that the current school consolidation proposal calls for the buildings to remain the property of the Town yet be leased by a Regional School Unit.

School Committee and Regional Planning Committee member Edmund Hartt stated that most RSU's take all of the property. RSU's have not been the most popular of the Governor's initiatives. In the current consolidation plan several items require a 2/3 vote to pass. This includes policy changes. A lot of policies are boilerplate but the townspeople use the LCS more than other towns may use their school buildings. Additions to the current building use policy may be necessary.

Parra stated that in her opinion more detail in the policy would be helpful. The policy should keep the vision of the community. The ball fields and tennis courts are a concern but are not in the policy. The conditions of any lease arrangement are a concern.

LCS Principal Russo stated that the ball fields are the town's responsibility. He understanding is that by agreement the school maintains and gets the first use but after that other groups can use.

Does this policy/agreement exist in writing? No one in attendance was certain.

Gerry stated that the uses of the school and grounds should be school first then Town use (continue uses as is).

Parra stated that it is very difficult to use other schools (SAD 28 schools and the Five Town CSD High School) and that other communities have other options.

Plausse stated that he is encouraged buy cooperation between town and school. He is however concerned about the ramifications if a super majority in the future changes the policy and the Town gets shut out.

Hartt stated that the RPC can put in the agreement whatever it wants if group agrees.

Plausse stated that "No" to the being part of the RSU maybe an option.

Walker stated the voters need to know the ramifications of consolidation (or not consolidating).

A general discussion concerning insurance and liability ensued.

Russo suggested that the goal is to have strong enough language on the use of the facility and ball fields.

The Board offered to have Town Administrator Kinney to review the policy and make suggestions for possible revision.

Superintendent Harvey stated that the LCS policies would become RSU policies until amended.

Adjourn:

Motion by Plausse, second by Parra, to adjourn the meeting. Vote 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

David Kinney
Town Clerk