

**JOINT WORK SESSION WITH LINCOLN AKERMAN SCHOOL BOARD**

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**PRESENT:** Richard P. McDermott, Chairman; Larry M. Smith, Vice Chairman; M. Kasprzak, Selectwoman; L. A. Ruest, Town Administrator

**Lincoln Akerman School Board (LAS):** G. Parish, Chairman; M. Lane, P. Miller, J. Bailly; Superintendent R. Sullivan, Business Administrator B. Hickey, Principal M. Deblois

The Board of Selectmen was invited by the Lincoln Akerman School Board to meet in a joint work session. G. Parish explained that the purpose of this work session is to open the lines of communications between the two Boards. The following agenda was offered by the School Board.

**CALL TO ORDER – 6:00 P.M.**

**DISCUSSIONS**

**Town Newsletter:** The School Board explained that it is exploring options to prepare a newsletter on behalf of schools on its own, separate from the Newsletter Agreement currently in place. At present, the three separate entities of Town, School and Library have its newsletters distributed through the Town's website six times each year. G. Parish stated he would let the Town Administrator know when and what decision is made so that town employees will not continue to seek the School's section if it is determined to no longer be mailed/posted through the Town's website.

**Impact Fees:** The School Board inquired as to the rationale of the Board of Selectmen's decision to forward impact fees relating to those accounts expiring through February 2016 to the SAU for application to the Winnacunnet High School Bond (2004) (WHS).

Referring to sections of the methodology report that enabled the Town to adopt an ordinance for impact fees for the purpose of schools, L. Smith described the purposes for which impact fees can be used and the criteria pertaining to space needs as it relates to growth resulting from new development.

Discussion then took place with regard to matters such as enrollment, program changes and education changes at LAS. Determination regarding release of impact fees by the Board of Selectmen to either LAS or WHS has been based on request by LAS or the identification of expiring accounts wherein decision has been to apply the money to reduce Hampton Falls share of the WHS 2004 Bond. The School Board informed the Board of Selectmen that the collected, non-expiring impact fee funds are being considered in conjunction with the school renovation project.

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**School Renovation Project:** The School Board provided an update on its efforts in this regard as well as considerations being made. It was noted that there are no costs associated with this effort at this time.

Members of the School Board identified a number of renovation projects that have been done over the summer to include sections of the roof and improvements in the kitchen. It was noted that additional work has been done, as it was identified, that coincided with the kitchen work.

M. Lane provided preliminary information with regard to the School Board's direction in preparing for its plan, presentation and information going forward. He explained that the matters of critical space needs and serving the community as a whole are priority. It was reported that currently there is a lack of adequate space for physical education, music instruction and Spanish instruction. Consideration is being given to fundraising as well.

**Future Meeting Dates:** G. Parish suggested that the two Boards meet at least two times each year; once after town meeting in March and again in the fall at budget preparation time.

In closing, the Board of Selectmen expressed its appreciation for the School Board's efforts and dialogue. All acknowledged that bonding projects is a concern of the voters. Thanks were extended to all for attending this work session.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lori A. Ruest