

~~policy. Mrs. Louis asked Mr. Turbeville what happened re-garding High School Computer Teacher Karen Olmstead having students design web sites for local businesses; Mr. Turbeville responded that nothing has happened with that project.~~

~~Mr. Levesque stated that he would like to know what ideas the Principals have regarding service learning. Mrs. Lacasse stated that she has a copy of Linwood High School's service learning model and she is sure that a staff member from that school that she knows would come talk to the board about how service learning is conducted at that school. The board asked Mrs. Lacasse to arrange for the person she knows at Linwood High School to address them. Mrs. Louis stated that the State Department of Education has an entire program available regarding service learning. Upon Mr. Levesque's questioning, Mrs. Louis responded that she would work with Mr. Sloan on this proposed policy.~~

~~Second Annual All District Monster Concert and Art Show - Mr. Levesque informed the board that the Second Annual All District Monster Concert and Art Show will be held at 6:30 PM the following evening at the high school gymnasium.~~

XI. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Elementary School Re-Roofing Bids

Mr. Turbeville informed the board of the following: He is not pleased with the quotes which have been received re-garding the elementary school re-roofing project. Every quote, save Mr. Gerard Beloin's of Bluestone, Inc., was extremely out of line from the \$55,418 warrant article. Mr. Beloin's quote was for \$63,000, but he bid a different roof than the specifications requested. He was not the low bidder per the specifications; he bid on a different roof than requested. Because the bids which have been received are so far from the money available for the project, he recommends opening the bidding process again. After the board discussed this matter, it was the consensus of all board members except Mr. Harmon that the bidding on the elementary school re-roofing project be reopened. Mr. Harmon stated that he abstained from this consensus because he knows Mr. Beloin.

Mr. Beloin stated the following: He agrees that the bid process should be reopened. The specifications which were

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requested on this project were illegal. He talked to Code Enforcement Officer Richard Mailhot, Sr. and has a letter from him. He distributed to the board copies of Mr. Mailhot's letter to Bluestone, Inc., dated May 21st, in which he stated, in part, "...the town enforces the State Building Code which currently is the International Building Code 2000. In regards to snow load requirements, our local code requirements are 62# per square foot, ground snow load. No more than 2 roofs are allowed. Before a 3rd roof is to be installed, the previous 2 roofs must be completely removed." The board acknowledged receipt of Bluestone, Inc.'s Roof Inspection Report, dated April 11th.

Mr. Beloin stated the following: He conducted several moisture scans of the roof and found it to be caving in and he found the building to be unsafe. Any bids in the future have to include a complete tear-up of the roof. New bids will probably cost more than \$300,000. The roof is not up to code. The roofing system recommended by the other three bidders is a thin membrane roof.

Maintenance Supervisor Tony Ricci arrived at the meeting at this point and distributed to the board copies of his memo to them, dated June 4th, regarding the elementary school sprinkler and roof bids. The following were noted from that memo: Three of the four bids received on the re-roofing project met the mandatory specifications, but the quotes ranged from a low of \$81,465 to a high of \$87,200. The fourth bidder, Bluestone, Inc., submitted a bid of \$63,140, but this bid did not meet the specified brands, but, rather, included that company's own brand. In his memo, Mr. Ricci recommended that the bid process be re-opened to see if a better quote on the specified requirements can be obtained.

Mr. Ricci informed the board of the following: The back portable classrooms are the problem with the decking. The insulation got wet and started to buckle. A scan for water damage was conducted. There is only one tar and gravel roof, which is the original roof, and then a rubber mem-brane was placed over it. The existing rubber membrane will have to be removed and replaced.

Mr. Beloin stated the following: The roof requires a complete tear-off down to the decking after the other two roofs have been removed. There are three roofs - not two. He showed Mr. Ricci a sample of a section of the roof which

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he has obtained. Upon Mr. Turbeville's questioning, Mr. Beloin responded that he obtained the sample when he went up on the roof. Upon Mr. Turbeville's further questioning, Mr. Beloin stated that he went up on the roof without permission from anyone from the district. Mr. Harmon suggested that Mr. Beloin show Mr. Ricci precisely where on the roof the samples were taken from.

Upon Mr. Levesque's questioning, Mr. Ricci responded as follows: A structural engineer checked the decking and the fasteners and said nothing was wrong with them. Mr. Mailhot said a third roof could not be installed but that the second roof could be removed or released from the building perimeter. The work which Mr. Beloin says has to be done does not need to be done. He will follow-up re-garding this matter with Mr. Mailhot.

Mr. Harmon stated the following: If the bid process is to be reopened, the administration will find out in a very convincing fashion that this matter is a non-issue and potential bidders will be better informed. If Mr. Beloin is correct, that will be instructive to anyone else who is bidding.

Mr. Harmon asked Mr. Ricci where the contractor is who in-stalled the last roof. Mr. Ricci responded that the warranty was voided when it was necessary to put snow blowers, shovels, and people on the roof, but doing so could not have been avoided. Mr. Beloin stated that his roofing system is warranted and that putting snow blowers on the roof will not void the warranty.

Mr. Turbeville stated the following: The administration has structural engineering reports regarding this roof and various people have looked at it. He hopes Mr. Ricci will obtain an answer from Mr. Mailhot regarding how many roofs are on the school and if the alternative of removing or re-leasing the roof from the perimeter of the building means it is not called a roof. He is concerned that someone is trying to sell a product and making allegations publicly without speaking to him or Mr. Ricci and he is offended. He very much doubts that Mr. Beloin's allegation that "the specifications requested on this project were illegal" is correct. He has no way of knowing if Mr. Beloin is trying to scare the administration in order to sell the district his product.

When the roofing system was finally installed in the summer of 2004, it was installed precisely according to the specifications recommended by Bluestone Inc and enforced by the Raymond Fire Chief and Building Inspector. The engineers report from Miller Engineering was ignored and Superintendent Turbeville "resigned" unexpectedly.

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Mr. Harmon stated that he told Mr. Beloin that the board was going to discuss bids and told him nothing else. Mrs. Louis suggested that Mr. Turbeville handle this matter with Mr. Mailhot and that in the future, any matters similar to this one need to be discussed with the Superintendent before being brought to the board.

Mr. Ricci stated the following: He had a meeting with all four bidders, so everybody was on the same page regarding the bid specifications. A mechanically attached roof was specified. Three of the bidders bid apples to apples. Mr. Beloin bid his own product and was the lowest bidder. Mr. Beloin stated that he was not invited to that meeting - he happened to call the SAU Office and learned about it, but he was not invited to it.
