

1. **Call to Order-Roll Call- Pledge of Allegiance:** The meeting was called to order at 5:30pm. The following members were present: Ken Bolduc, Jessica Paradis, Jerry Perkins, Marty Pepin, Supt. Mosca, Andy Lucier, Marie D'Agostino, Scott Smith, Jim Cowan, Brian Tapscott, Don Austin, Mayor Matt Spencer, Dana Rivers, Marcel Hebert, Coty Donohue, Matt Hanlon, Robin Jarvis, Jennifer Soldati, Dale Sprague, John McCallion, Dave Witham and Bob Belmore.
2. **Discussion:** Austin thanked everyone for coming so that we can continue to clear the air and make sure that we are all on the same level of understanding. He stated that due to questions that have come up on the way we look at the CIP and go out to bid for projects. He stated that Mr. McCallion sent questions so the superintendent gathered information and presented everyone with a packet. Supt. Mosca stated that John submitted some questions that gave us a starting point. She stated that she is excited to work with the city and the council and she felt very supportive in the process and it is good to see both the school and the city working together. She stated that the top sheet is in regards to some questions regarding how long control technologies have been involved in the district. She stated that they have been here since 2005 to current and are projected forward in the 13/14 budget process. Lucier stated that control technologies run all the systems and he can monitor everything remotely and they do all preventative maintenance. McCallion stated that we have all our eggs in controls technologies basket and he doesn't feel comfortable with that. He stated that the question came up because if they gave a 2 million dollar bond he wanted to hear that you looked at the best possible solution to move Somersworth forward. He stated that technology changes every day and he wants to know where it got vetted out. He stated that when we are in committee we bring people in and talk to other communities and we turn over any stone to do the right thing and he doesn't feel like it got vetted out in committee and what is best for Somersworth. He stated that we are going with the same company. He stated that the city doesn't have someone come in and do their bid process for them. Belmore stated that it depends on the project. Smith stated that for the large scale projects an engineer will come up with the bid specs as it is too involved for the staff to come up with. He stated that the more run of the mill ones they will do. Lucier stated that we are not in control tech's back pocket. He stated that when we built Idlehurst Harriman was adamant that we put in Semen controls and he was adamant that we didn't because if we put in semen owns you. He stated that it is the same with Honeywell, Rochester did and now they are stuck. He stated that we did Johnson Controls and anyone can do Johnson Controls and we have had excellent luck with control technologies. He stated that they respond immediately and he can run the systems from home or on his blackberry. He stated that he is comfortable with them. Perkins stated that design day is the engineer and they are the people we asked in 08 what would be the best course of action that is what we did vetting that out and asking the questions on the best solution for our situation. He stated that the replacement plan is not replacing with an existing unit. He stated that the only thing we are under contract with control technologies is for preventative maintenance. He stated that we are not tied to them other than that. McCallion stated that you vetted it out in 08 but its 2012

and it has changed. He stated that he is frustrated when he hears from outside vendors that say that they didn't get a chance to bid on the project, he can't defend that. He stated that he spoke to two of the three bidders and because control technologies who said it was because control technologies gets discounted units. He stated that he watched a board meeting and watched Mr. Cowan try to get the vote before the money was approved. Why are we not vetting it out? He stated that all we knew was we were going to give enough to get by and he wanted to see it done the best we could. He stated that he would love to see us bring in four or five different companies to see what they would do and he didn't see that. Lucier stated that there are some that he wouldn't even consider hiring based on experiences he has had and issues in the past. Perkins asked if he is suggesting we use multiple engineering firms. McCallion stated no multiple firms. He asked where the homework was done. He stated that we have all our eggs with control technologies and they get awarded the project, he can't defend that. Perkins stated that they used design day to bring them in to do the RFP. He stated that they went out and did on a select bid process. He stated that he understands what he is saying about a better process but he wants it to be clear that it is not about multiple engineers. Cowan stated that he is Chairman of the committee and they started in 2008 and has been in discussion for four years with all kinds of providers. He stated that the city does it all the time. He stated that sometimes we keep bids away from people we don't want bidding. Hebert stated that it seems logical to him that if some companies didn't do the follow up why you would want to do that again. Lucier stated that there are things mechanical that we don't use design day for. He stated that we use Joy's HVAC for all the refrigeration in the whole district and we don't hire an engineer for that, we call them directly. He stated that design day was here when he started and he hasn't had any problems with them and he does speak with other facilities directors and communicates with them on who uses what. Perkins asked how we move forward. He stated that he wants the concerns about the process and what we are doing or not to be answered. Witham stated that when he looked through the CIP all the projects listed were under the same priority and that has since been changed. He stated that when they were presented to the planning board they were prioritized. He stated that it is very clear that the HVAC units are priority number one. He stated that when you do a BAN it makes people sharpen their pencils. He stated that we don't pull a bond until we know the bond amount. He stated that it is a better process. He stated that it got clouded because of the change in the scope and we needed another meeting. He stated that if we allocate a million and you only use \$700,000 it comes back to the council and we can allocate it to another project. He stated that he will vote for the CIP projects because they are not going away. Cowan stated that when you allowed a dollar amount and the bid came in under we started to see if we could squeeze in more and the Superintendent wouldn't allow it because you gave a number of units. He stated that we were trying to get the biggest bang for our buck. Witham stated that the concerns are valid because he is hearing that the technology has changed. He stated that he doesn't know how control technologies became involved as they were just bidding on a proposal. Supt. Mosca stated that it is possible to do something more but the design of the building doesn't allow us that kind of flexibility. Cowan stated that the JBC did a lot of looking at wind, solar and geothermal but financially the pay back was too long. Jarvis asked if there was a committee

objective to oversee new things that are out there to see if we can become more efficient. She stated that it is a tremendous amount of work. Pepin stated that the JBC got a good education on that. Lucier stated that we have done the lighting through a grant through PSNH and three years ago we did the gyms and that paid for itself over two years. Jarvis stated that we need a committee that specifically looks at new things going forward to research and bring back to the council and boards. Mayor Spencer stated that the vision 20/20 committee is working with the school. Jarvis stated that we would need volunteers who are engineers. Soldati stated that the sustainability committee has access to those experts. Witham stated that we need to look at the makeup of that committee and add a school board member. Hebert stated that the new medical building on 108 has the solar panels. Witham stated that he sat in on many JBC meetings where the committee questioned and got information from the architects on solar, wind and geothermal and the pay back was in the 20-25 year range and the JBC couldn't make the numbers work. Hanlon stated that he would like to see a master plan for the school that is not just about education but to plan ahead rather than reacting. Supt. Mosca stated that she would like to move forward so if anyone else has any other questions to please let them know. Austin stated that we can tweak our process a little as we move forward. He stated that we will continue the discussion on the master plan as it is important to look down the road. Supt. Mosca thanked the council for the support and stated that they are thankful for what they have been able to do.

3. **Adjournment:** Austin closed the joint meeting at 6:30pm.

Katie Krauss

Pending Board Approval

Board Secretary