

Special Meeting
Chatfield-LoPresti
Building Committee
Wednesday, September 3, 2008
Seymour Middle School
7:30 p.m.

Present: Donald Smith, Peter Kubik, Trisha Danka, Saundra Gesek, Phyllis Jachimowski, Paul Roy, Yashu Putorti, Bruce Baker, Ray Catlin, Jay Hatfield, Gene Coppola, Kurt Miller, Fred Stanek

Absent: Judy Legeza, Mark Thompson, Frank Conroy

Antinozzi Architects' Representatives: Michael Ayles, Andy Cominelli

Board of Education Representatives: MaryAnne Mascolo
Richard Belden
Jay Brennan

Mr. Smith called the special meeting to order at 7:38 p.m. and led approximately sixty people present in the pledge to the flag.

Mr. Smith introduced the Committee membership and presented a brief update on the Committee's work and progress since it first met in January of 2008. He introduced Michael Ayles from the Antinozzi Associates Architectural Firm who presented a power-point presentation to those present. At various points of the presentation, several Committee members were introduced to the public present and gave their input on the Committee's work to date and why they were advocating a building program that would combine the populations of the Chatfield and LoPresti schools. These presentations were made by Mr. Hatfield, Mr. Coppola, Mr. Putorti, and Mrs. Danka.

A question and answer period followed the Committee's presentation. Inquiries were made as to why a renovation only of the LoPresti School with an addition to the Chatfield School were not being considered. Concerns were also expressed as to the size of the new school, parking facility availability, and sufficient playground area for the combined populations of both schools. Committee members responded to the inquiries and stated that they would look into and review any of the concerns expressed and report back on these issues at a future meeting date.

Joseph Teodosio, a Chatfield School parent, introduced himself as the Chairperson of the Political Action Committee (PAC) currently being formed to assist the Committee membership in promoting the building project to the community and, hopefully, convince the taxpaying constituency to support the building program by voting positively in a town-wide referendum scheduled for October 7, 2008. He asked for volunteers from the audience to assist in this endeavor.

Mr. Smith thanked all those who attended and concluded the meeting session at 9:55 p.m.

Submitted by: Eugene Coppola