Chatfield-LoPresti School Building Committee

Wednesday July 27, 2011

Seymour Town Hall, 7 pm

Meeting Minutes

Present: Don Smith, Ray Catlin, Yashu Putorti, Bruce Baker, Saundra Gesek, Jay Hatfield, Michael Marcinek

Absent: Phyllis Jachimowski, Trisha Danka, Kurt Miller, Peter Kubik

Silver-Petrucelli Representative: David Stein

Fusco Corporation Representative: Jeff Luzzi, Bryan D’Orlando

Board Of Education Representatives:

1) Mr. Smith called the meeting to order at 7:12pm and led those present in the pledge to the flag.

The BC Secretary was absent and Mr. Marcinek volunteered to take minutes.

The Agenda was originally posted as a Special Meeting but this is a regular meeting.

2) Mr. Smith asked for any Public Comment: Ms. Christine Breming asked about the windows and when will the Building Air Conditioning be operable in the existing building during the fall months that students occupy the space. Mr. Smith stated that the windows are non operable windows and that the A/C will not be operable in the existing building until next year. All existing exhaust and ventilation fans have been checked and will be turned up to their maximum capacity. The BC will be looking to add fans for additional ventilation as needed.

3) Approval of Minutes of June 11, 2011 Special Meeting. Mr. Smith called for a motion approving the Special Meeting of July 11, 2011.

Motion: (Mr. Catlin, Sec., Bruce) to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting held at the Town Hall on July 11, 2011 at 7pm as presented: Change on page 2, 3rd paragraph “Friday 8th, not 7th”; last page, Special Testing invoice of $10,665 has nothing to do with Air Sampling, it was for Concrete Testing.

Motion, approved unanimously.

4) Correspondence: The BC received a letter from the Town of Seymour Fire Marshall Paul Wetowitz (FMPW). Mr Wetowitz was present and explained his decision to send the letter, that the
existing school had a fire alarm system with operable windows and when the school re-opens in September, the building will be in violation of Building and Fire Codes. Due to the violation, the Building Committee must post a Fire Watch (FW), which means a Fireman on duty during all public operations of the building. Option #2 is to create operable windows and seal all penetrations. Option #3 is to have a double session at LoPresti. The Fire Marshall’s (FM) Office will put a plan in place to hire fireman at $25 per hour plus payroll taxes and appropriate workers comp insurance. The FM will set up a schedule for Town of Seymour fireman to fully support the school schedule while working no more than 20 hours per week.

Mr. Smith stated that based upon 37 weeks of school and additional time for school functions, the total impact to the building project will be in the $40 to $45,000 range.

Mr Baker asked why we are being notified so late and Mr Wetowitz explained that its not his job to understand construction sequencing.

Mr. Hatfield asked if this position needs to be organized and posted through the Selectman’s Office.

Mr. Putorti asked about the use of Seymour Firemen, do we have enough who can work the schedule and what happens if no one can work on a particular day.

Mr. Wetowitz stated that he only wants Seymour fireman who he knows are trained in Seymours Equipment, understands their procedures and anyone out of town is unacceptable. If no one is available, the Fire Marshalls office will close the school that day. The Fire Marshall wants a group of fireman to be available for easier scheduling.

Both Mr. Baker and Mr. Putori would like a larger pool of Fireman, to have others available from out of Town. Mr. Wetowitz wants only Seymour trained fireman.

Mr. Smith stated that no further action is needed at this time. However, decisions must be made very soon. The cost of temporary windows and sealing penetrations would be expensive.

Mr. Wetowitz stated that Seymour Fireman go through extensive training and background checks. He will notify the fire Chiefs and the departments of the position and duties.

Mr. Baker asked about a backup plan if no Seymour Fireman are available, who would be at the school in order for it to remain open.

Mr. Marcinek stated that the cost of operable windows and the cost of humidity sensors would have cost double or more than the projected firewatch.

Other correspondence: We received a letter from Mr. Robert Clarke, an employee of ENVIROGUARD, who claims he did not receive proper wages. We received a follow up email from the department of Labor, that it reviewed the situation and everything is in order and was closed out.

We received a letter that Change Order # 1 and #2 have been revised and are going up to the State of Connecticut.
5) Discussion with CM FUSCO: Fusco presented their 2 week look ahead and are pushing hard to get the kids in on time.

Preparing the site for paving, finishing the geothermal pipe runs and pouring sidewalks.

Preparing to pour slab on grade in C wing.

Completing main rough in thru B wing, and additional pipe runs in C and A wings.

Continuing piping and main electrical work in C wing and preparing for main switch over.

Masonry classroom walls will be completed in a week. Exterior brick started.

Jeff and Bruce are requesting that a safety meeting with the contractors and the Building Committee occurs around Labor Day and we provide a cook out for the team to thank them for a hard working safe summer.

Mr. Baker asked about the Commissioning Agent and when he should be on site. Mr Stein explained that most of the remaining work for the commissioning agent is at start up.

Mr. Putorti asked who is responsible for quality control. It was stated that FUSCO is ultimately responsible to oversee all quality.

Change Order Status:

C/O 87 Revision (002) IT Room for $1,132, includes credits because of accessibility issues and then its was offset by additional costs to change access to the room. Original C/O was $1,800

C/O 88 R (001) Step Site wall, fencing issue and alternative fencing proposed $1,030

C/O 89 Overtime for Marguerite Concrete $1,014

C/O 90 Cherry Hill requesting additional money for break metal to fill gaps in window areas $473

C/O 91 Overtime for Ducci Electric, needed for September 10th power change over $471

C/O 92 Giordano for overtime on 6/23/11 $2,477

C/O 93 to stabilize the slope damaged in storm. Mr. Smith requested this be T & M.

C/O 94 R (001) Cherry Hill additional cost to furnish and install aluminum $1,711

Mr Smith stated that the Friday night storm cost about $8,000 to clean up and has been submitted to the Selectman’s office.

C/O’s 066 and 074 will be tabled for action.

On a Motion from Mr. Putorti and seconded by Mr. Baker, that the BC approve change order 087 R(002) as a Project Contingency expense. Approved Unanimously.
On a Motion by Mr. Catlin and seconded by Mr Hatfield, that C/O 88,89,90, 91,92, and 94 be approved out of contingency. Approved Unanimously.

On a Motion by Mr. Hatfield and Seconded by Mr. Putorti, that C/O 93 be rejected and to proceed under a T & M arrangement. Approved Unanimously.

6) Discussion with Architect: Mr Stein commented that the Technology Package has been submitted to BSF and it went smoothly. We should get acknowledgement that we can go out to bid.

Mr. Hatfield asked if there will be any issues in opening the school. There are none expected.

Mr. Stein told the BC that the Playground Designs are almost done and should be ready to go to BSF by the end of next week (1st week of August).

Mr. Marcinek stated that we finally received notification from Aquarion Water and the school will not be required to install the back flow preventer at the main line.

Mr. Smith asked that SPA & Fusco give the BC an update on our High Performance Building.

7) Invoices:

On a Motion by Mr. Catlin and Seconded by Mr. Baker, that the BC approve SPA’s Invoice # 11-805 dated 7/1/11 for $18,770.00 Approved Unanimously

On a Motion by Mr Baker and Seconded by Mr. Hatfield that the BC approve Michael Horton’s invoice 09-62SIB4 dated 5/16-6/30 for Special Inspections for $1,575 representing 17 ½ hours at $90 per hour. Approved Unanimously

On a Motion by Mr Putorti and seconded by Mr. Baker, that the BC approve SBS’s invoice # 7970 for $882. Approved Unanimously

On a Motion by Mr Putorti and Seconded by Mr. Catlin, that the BC approve Special Testing labs invoice # 25-839 for $4,994 for Steel, concrete, and flatness testing. Approved Unanimously

8) Review Budget-Tabled

9) Other Business: our Next meeting’s are 8/8 and 8/24 and Saturday morning site visits.

On a Motion by Mr Hatfield and Seconded by Mr Putori that time is of the essence on the Fire Watch and we need to Take action. Approved Unanimously

On a Motion by Mr. Marcinek and Seconded by Mr Catlin that the Building Committee approve to allow the Fire Marshall to implement a plan for a Firewatch at Chatfield School which would include the hiring of appropriate staff from the Seymour Fire Department and have an alternative plan of action and schedule of employees to work that will ensure there is emergency back up support if the assigned Firewatch fireman cannot make the planned day of work and that the base rate will be $25 per hour.
Discussion: The BC should Notify the Superintendent’s office that afterschool meetings will need to move, that the BC will pay for a firewatch on evening school functions and an open issue is if a firewatch will be necessary for the janitors at night.

Approved Unanimously.

No new business, on a motion by Mr. Baker and seconded by Mr. Putorti, that the meeting is adjourned. Approved Unanimously