Special Meeting  
Chatfield-LoPresti School  
Building Committee  
Tuesday, December 8, 2009  
Chatfield School Teachers’ Room  
7:00 p.m.

Present: Donald Smith, Peter Kubik, Ray Catlin, Gene Coppola, Trisha Danka, Saundra Gesek, Phyllis Jachimowski, Yashu Putorti, Paul Roy, Michael Marcinek, Frank Conroy, Kurt Miller,

Absent: Judy Legeza, Jay Hatfield, Bruce Baker, Fred Stanek

Silver-Petrucelli Firm’s Representatives:  
Dean Petrucelli, David Stein  
Ken Sgrobati, Aris Stolis

Fusco Construction Representative:  
Brian Calvert

Industrial Health and Safety Representatives:  
William Rath, Dr. Kevin Miller

Board of Education Representatives:  
MaryAnne Mascolo, Richard Belden

State Representative Teresa Conroy

Mr. Smith called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. and led those present in the pledge to the flag.

Public Comment

There was no public comment heard at this meeting session.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Smith asked for approval of the minutes of the November 10, 2009 meeting.
MOTION: (Mrs. Danka, sec., Mr. Putorti) to accept the minutes of the November 10, 2009 meeting as presented.

So moved.

Affirmative: Mrs. Danka, Mr. Putorti, Mr. Miller, Mr. Coppola, Mr. Roy, Ms. Gesek, Mrs. Jachimowski, Mr. Marcinek, Mr. Kubik, Mr. Smith

Opposed: None.

Abstentions: Mr. Catlin, Mr. Conroy

Discussion with Industrial Hygienist Firm Representatives

Mr. Rath reported that there were no serious environmental concerns with the planned project at this time. He introduced Dr. Kevin Miller to the Committee membership who will oversee the PCB caulking removal abatement project planned for the summer of 2011.

Dr. Miller related that PCBs have become an issue with the EPA during the last three years. They are found ordinarily in transformers, as well as in window caulking, expansion joints, et cetera. Between two to four percent of these PCBs have been found in the window caulking at the Chatfield School. Dr. Miller stated that abatement of these materials also includes removing the caulking material as well as the areas that these materials touch. As an example, concrete and brick areas around the window will have to be removed and replaced during the abatement project. Soil testing will have to be done in the immediate area also. All materials removed will have to be disposed of at proper storage facilities according to EPA rules and regulations.

Mr. Rath stated that he felt that the $24,900 estimated figure for this abatement project would be sufficient for the PCB removal. However, additional testing costs, amounting to as much as $9,000, may be necessary for assurance that all areas would be properly removed and remediated.

Discussion ensued and it was the general consensus of the Committee membership that testing costs would remain separate from the removal costs.
The Industrial Health and Safety Firm would receive a total of $18,900 for their role in the planning for the removal of the PCB caulking material. Mr. Smith called for a motion for the acceptance of the Industrial Health and Safety personnel’s proposal.

MOTION: (Mr. Marcinek, sec., Mr. Catlin) to retain the Industrial Health and Safety Firm for the preparation of a plan for the removal of the PCB laden caulking material at a cost not to exceed $18,900.

So moved.

Affirmative: Mr. Marcinek, Mr. Catlin, Mr. Coppola, Mr. Putorti, Mrs. Danka, Mr. Roy, Mrs. Jachimowski, Ms. Gesek, Mr. Conroy, Mr. Miller, Mr. Kubik, Mr. Smith

Opposed: None.

Mr. Rath and Dr. Miller left the meeting session at 7:38 p.m.

Discussion with the Commissioning Agent

Mr. Smith stated that Mr. Baldino from Strategic Building Solutions was unable to attend the meeting session. However, he had e-mailed materials to the Committee members and is working closely with Wayne Natzel from the Seymour schools in reviewing the design plans.

Discussion with Architect

Mr. Stein reported that he had received a correspondence containing a proposal for geo-thermal well drilling. The proposal, at a cost of $21,850, would include drilling bore holes at a depth of five hundred feet, fifty feet of casings, a field conductivity test, and preliminary and final reports.

Mr. Smith asked for action on the proposal submitted.
MOTION: (Mr. Catlin, sec., Mr. Marcinek) to approve the geo-thermal test well study at a cost of $21,850.

So moved.

Affirmative: Mr. Catlin, Mr. Marcinek, Mr. Coppola, Mr. Miller, Mr. Putorti, Mrs. Danka, Mr. Roy, Mr. Conroy, Mrs. Jachimowski, Ms. Gesek, Mr. Kubik, Mr. Smith

Opposed: None.

Mr. Stein also reminded Committee members that the building project will have to meet the higher standards currently maintained by LEAD and U. S. Green requirements. A minimum of 28 points will have to be reached to meet the current standards. It will be up to the Commissioning Agent to provide certification that all is going according to GREEN standards.

Aris Stolis presented his drawings of the redesign of the inner playground area as well as the external one. He pointed out that the majority of the material used on the inner courtyard will consist of safety surfacing.

Mr. Petrucelli reported that he believes that sixty percent of the design drawings have been completed at this time and are ready to be uploaded on the FPC site. He felt the Firm was right on schedule with its design drawings.

Discussion with Construction Manager

Mr. Calvert reported that as the design team completes its drawings, Fusco representatives are ready to work on the figures. A tentative meeting has been scheduled right after January 1, 2010 with the design team to begin this process.

Review of Project Schedule

Mr. Smith reported that the project is moving according to schedule. The schedule has been updated on the FTP site for those interested in reviewing the timelines.
Approval of Invoices

One invoice was submitted for approval at this meeting session from the Silver-Petrucelli Firm in the amount of $71,440.

MOTION: (Mr. Catlin, sec., Mrs. Danka) to approve payment of Invoice #09-900 from the Silver-Petrucelli Firm in the amount of $71,440.

So moved.

Affirmative: Mr. Catlin, Mrs. Danka, Mr. Coppola, Mr. Miller, Mr. Putorti, Mr. Roy, Mr. Conroy, Mr. Marcinek, Mrs. Jachimowski, Ms. Gesek, Mr. Kubik, Mr. Smith

Opposed: None.

Other Business

Mr. Smith reported that members of the Committee met with the Inland Wetlands Commission last month and submitted the application for the building project. The application was submitted to the Commission’s staff and will be reviewed at its next planned meeting session scheduled for December 28, 2009.

Mr. Smith reminded the Committee membership that the next meeting dates for the Committee have been scheduled for January 12, 2010 and January 27, 2010.

Mr. Putorti asked where the tentative well-drilling test would take place on the school property.

Mr. Sgrobat responded that it would be in the vicinity of the front door.

Mr. Catlin stated that he hoped that all the current Committee members would be reappointed under the new administration as all have worked diligently to this point in time of the planning stages. He mentioned the invaluable asset that Bruce Baker has been to the Committee as a whole.
Hearing nothing further:

MOTION: (Mrs. Danka, sec., Mr. Catlin) to adjourn the meeting.

So moved.

Affirmative: Mrs. Danka, Mr. Catlin, Mr. Coppola, Mr. Miller, Mr. Putorti, Mr. Roy, Mr. Conroy, Mr. Marcinek, Ms. Gesek, Mrs. Jachimowski, Mr. Kubik, Mr. Smith

Opposed: None.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on January 12, 2010, at 7:00 p.m., in the Teachers’ Room of the Chatfield School.

Submitted by:

Eugene Coppola