

Special Meeting
Chatfield-LoPresti School
Building Committee
Tuesday, June 5, 2012
Chatfield School Teachers' Room
7:00 p.m.

Present: Donald Smith, Peter Kubik, Bruce Baker, Ray Catlin, Gene Coppola, Paul Mirabelle, Sandra Gesek, Phyllis Jachimowski, Jay Hatfield, John Conroy

Absent: Trisha Danko, Yashu Putorti, Michael Marcinek

Silver-Petrucelli Representative: Amanda Cleveland

Board of Education Representatives: Richard Belden, Roberta Pratt,
Leslie Sojka, David Olechna,
Christine Syriac

Mr. Smith called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. and led those present in the pledge to the flag.

Review of FFE and Technology Awards

Amanda Cleveland, Silver-Petrucelli representative, distributed an informational packet depicting suggested savings in the FFE and Technology orders that would offset any deficits looming in the Committee's operating budget. Suggestions made by art instructor, Sandra Kazo, at the last meeting session were taken into consideration along with other items such as cots, cabinets, posture chairs, and so forth, for an initial saving of \$28,831.13 in the furniture package.

An additional suggested \$65,897.76 cuts in the technology order involving smart boards, wireless mikes, speakers, and so forth, was also recommended. An additional \$7,943.00 could be saved by eliminating shelving in the guided reading room. If all these suggestions were accepted, a total of \$92,155.94 in savings could be realized.

An additional \$7,296.00 could be saved if projected janitorial office equipment was eliminated at this time.

System-wide Technology Coordinator, Roberta Pratt, stated that conduits installed in the classrooms for smart board connections for teachers could be eliminated at this time and installed at some time in the future.

All suggestions would be considered pending a budget review and analysis.

Review of Budget

Mr. Conroy stated that difficult decisions would have to be made in lieu of budget expenditures as the project nears completion. The moisture problem due to the vapor barrier situation in the B and D wings of the building project are causing an additional \$130,000 plus in remediation costs.

The architectural firm is alleging that the Committee could be faced with a \$365,000 overrun of additional costs due to excess time required on the building project. This claim is currently being reviewed by a sub-committee with the Town Counsel.

A possible \$41,000 interest cost could become the Committee's responsibility for payment if the Town does not go out for long-term bonding.

Mr. Belden interjected that a possible savings at this time could be realized by eliminating the purchasing of lap-top carts which could be bought in the future. This would add an additional \$150,000 in savings when added to the suggested cuts recommended by Silver-Petrucelli personnel.

Committee members felt that the suggested \$250,000.00 in savings was a good start at this time and the following motion was made:

MOTION: (Mr. Conroy, sec., Mr. Catlin) move to defer action on the purchase of items discussed at this meeting session and take action to hold the bid pricing on vendor contracts bids and state contract pricing (if required), preferably, to October 1, 2012, for a savings of \$253,000.00.

So moved.

Affirmative: Mr. Conroy, Mr. Catlin, Mr. Baker, Mr. Coppola, Mr. Mirabelle, Ms. Gesek, Mr. Hatfield, Mrs. Jachimowski, Mr. Kubik, Mr. Smith

Opposed: None.

Ms. Pratt left the meeting session at 8:02 p.m.

Discussion ensued as to the possibility of procuring a rebate from C L & P or other sources for the efforts being made in energy conservation in the new building. This concept will be discussed with David Stein from the Silver-Petrucelli Firm who will look into this matter.

Approval of Invoices

There were no invoices submitted for approval at this meeting session.

Other Business

Mr. Smith reminded the Committee membership that the next meeting dates have been scheduled for June 12 and June 27, 2012. He also announced that he would not be available for the a.m. site walk at the project on Saturday, June 9, 2012.

Mr. Smith stated that a meeting has been scheduled for Thursday morning, June 7, 2012, in the trailer, to discuss the ongoing problem with a couple of the pumps on the main line. Representatives from the Commissioning Agency will be present at this session.

Mr. Baker suggested that the Commissioning Agent be present at the next meeting session to discuss the results of the June 7, 2012 meeting.

Mr. Belden praised the Committee membership for hiring a Commissioning Agent as problems that are arising are being addressed prior to the Town taking over the project.

Hearing nothing further:

MOTION: (Mr. Conroy, sec., Mr. Baker) to adjourn the meeting.

So moved.

Affirmative: Mr. Conroy, Mr. Baker, Mr. Catlin, Mr. Coppola, Mr. Mirabelle, Mrs. Jachimowski, Ms. Gesek, Mr. Hatfield, Mr. Kubik, Mr. Smith

Opposed: None.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Submitted by:

Eugene Coppola