

Regular Meeting
Chatfield-LoPresti School
Building Committee
Chatfield School Teachers' Room
Tuesday, January 11, 2012
7:00 p.m.

Present: Donald Smith, Sandra Gesek, Trisha Danka, Phyllis Jachimowski, Paul Mirabelle, Bruce Baker, Ray Catlin, Gene Coppola, Yashu Putorti, John Conroy, Michael Marcinek (7:06 p.m.)

Absent: Peter Kubik, Jay Hatfield

Silver-Petrucelli Representative:	Dean Petrucelli
Fusco Corporation Representative:	Bryan D'Orlando
D'Agostino Associates Representative:	Marc D'Agostino
Board of Education Representatives:	MaryAnn Mascolo, Christine Syriac Leslie Sojka, David Olechna
Press:	Jean Falbo
Others:	Carol Sypniewski

Mr. Smith called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. He asked for any public comment and none was forthcoming at this meeting session.

Mr. Smith asked for the approval of the minutes of the December 13, 2011 meeting. As they were never posted and seen by the Committee membership the following motion was made:

MOTION: (Mrs. Danka, sec., Mr. Baker) to table action on the acceptance of the minutes of the December 13, 2011 meeting session.

So moved.

Affirmative: Mrs. Danka, Mr. Baker, Mr. Catlin, Mr. Coppola, Mr. Putorti, Mr. Mirabelle, Ms. Gesek, Mrs. Jachimowski, Mr. Conroy, Mr. Smith

Opposed: None.

Correspondence

Mr. Smith stated that he had received four correspondences since the last meeting session. These included:

- 1.) A communication from the Schools Facilities Unit stating that the playground plans submitted to the State had been approved.
- 2.) A copy of the legal notice that was placed in Sunday's newspapers for playground bids which are due by February 9, 2012.
- 3.) A communication from the Heat-Harvester Company seeking \$42,100 payment for work done on the project.
- 4.) An e-mail from Mrs. Danka stating that the LoPresti School PTA is asking for Committee membership attendance at its monthly meeting scheduled for Wednesday, January 11, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. at the LoPresti School.

Discussion with Construction Manager

Bryan D'Orlando distributed the monthly report packet and reviewed its contents with the Committee membership. He reviewed work completed to date and alerted the Committee membership as to what was going to be accomplished in the two-week look ahead.

Work has been caught up on the project schedule with approximately a four-week delay at this point in time.

The project budget is intact with the line item contingency fund listed at \$748,558.00.

Mr. D'Orlando submitted and reviewed the following Change Order Requests: #203, #204, #205, #206, #207, #208, #209, #210, #211, #212, and #213. He asked for Committee acceptance of the submitted Change Orders.

MOTION: (Mr. Catlin, sec., Mr. Marcinek) to accept Change Order Requests #203, #204, #205, #206 and #208 as presented with funding being taken from the Construction Contingency Fund line item in the project's budget.

So moved.

Affirmative: Mr. Catlin, Mr. Marcinek, Mr. Baker, Mr. Coppola, Mr. Mirabelle, Ms. Gesek, Mrs. Danka, Mrs. Jachimowski, Mr. Putorti, Mr. Conroy, Mr. Smith

Opposed: None.

MOTION: (Mrs. Danka, sec., Mr. Putorti) to accept Change Order Requests #200, #209, #210, #211, #212 and #213 as presented with funding being taken from the project contingency fund line item.

So moved.

Affirmative: Mrs. Danka, Mr. Putorti, Mr. Marcinek, Mr. Catlin, Mr. Baker, Mr. Coppola, Mr. Mirabelle, Ms. Gesek, Mrs. Jachimowski, Mr. Conroy, Mr. Smith

Opposed: None.

Mr. D'Orlando displayed a sample of the concrete coating being considered for the under-covering of the canopy at the main entrance of the building. If this were to be chosen, the cost would vary between \$11,000 and \$15,000.

Another alternative would be a dry-lock method which would be installed in a two-step manner. This would be installed with a fifteen year warranty and would cost approximately \$18,000 for installation. A decision will be made on the selection at a later date.

Mr. D'Orlando submitted Amendment #10 for payment and the following motion was made:

MOTION: (Mr. Marcinek, sec., Mr. Conroy) to approve payment of Amendment #10 submitted by the Fusco Corporation in the amount of \$27,723.00.

So moved.

Affirmative: Mr. Marcinek, Mr. Conroy, Mr. Baker, Mr. Catlin, Mr. Coppola, Mr. Mirabelle, Ms. Gesek, Mrs. Danka, Mrs. Jachimowski, Mr. Putorti, Mr. Smith

Opposed: None.

Discussion with Architect

Mr. Petrucelli reported that there were no major construction issues at this time. His firm is currently working on completing the FFE proposal and the final signage decision for the completed project.

Items mentioned included: Corner guards in the courtyard; Column covers on the second floor; Tripping problem with the Main Distribution Panel; Dashboard for visual display; Checking numbers on slabs for humidity levels; Esthetic solution for panels on sinks; and the installation of cork tack boards for the school hallways. The existing narrow tack board in the corridors has to be removed by order of the Fire Marshal.

When the topic of signage was brought up, a lengthy discussion ensued regarding the name of the building once the project was completed. It was mentioned that some townspeople voted for the project with the understanding that the new building would be called the Chatfield-LoPresti School.

There was some disagreement to this premise by the Committee membership. The majority of the members felt that the naming of the school was not under the purview of this Committee. The Board of Selectmen is the legal body responsible for this action. As a result, the following motion was made:

MOTION: (Mr. Conroy, sec., Mr. Baker) to take no action in offering a recommendation for the school's name and refer this item to the Board of Selectmen.

So moved.

Affirmative: Mr. Conroy, Mr. Baker, Mr. Catlin, Mr. Coppola, Mr. Mirabelle, Mr. Marcinek, Ms. Gesek, Mrs. Danka, Mrs. Jachimowski, Mr. Putorti, Mr. Smith

Opposed: None.

As Mr. Petrucelli was in need of some direction regarding the signage plaque at the school, discussion ensued on this topic. It was mentioned that Mr. Smith should be recognized for his outstanding work in leading to this project's completion and that he should be designated as the sole chairman of the building committee. As a result of this discussion, the following motion was made:

MOTION: (Mr. Catlin, sec., Mr. Marcinek) to add the topic of signage discussion involving a reorganization meeting to the agenda and discuss it under Item 12 in the agenda.

So moved.

Affirmative: Mr. Catlin, Mr. Marcinek, Mr. Baker, Mr. Catlin, Mr. Coppola, Mr. Mirabelle, Ms. Gesek,, Mrs. Jachimowski, Mr. Smith

Opposed: Mrs. Danka, Mr. Putorti

MOTION: (Mr. Baker, sec., Mr. Catlin) to deviate from the regular order of business and discuss added item #12 at this time in the meeting session.

So moved.

Affirmative: Mr. Baker, Mr. Catlin, Mr. Coppola, Mr. Mirabelli, Mr. Marcinek, Mrs. Danka, Ms. Gesek, Mrs. Jachimowski, Mr. Putorti, Mr. Conroy, Mr. Smith

Opposed: None.

MOTION: (Mr. Conroy, sec., Mr. Baker) move to nominate Donald Smith as Chairman of the Chatfield-LoPresti School Building Committee.

Mr. Smith asked for any other nominations for this position. As none was forthcoming, the secretary was asked to cast one ballot in favor of Mr. Smith's nomination.

MOTION: (Mr. Catlin, sec., Mr. Conroy) move to nominate Peter Kubik as Vice-Chairman of the Chatfield-LoPresti Building Committee.

Mr. Smith asked for further nominations. Hearing none, the secretary was instructed to cast one ballot in favor of Peter Kubik serving as Vice-Chairman of the Committee.

MOTION: (Mr. Baker, sec., Mr. Catlin) move to nominate Gene Coppola as Secretary of the Chatfield-LoPresti School Building Committee.

Mr. Smith asked for further nominations. Hearing none, the secretary was asked to cast one ballot in favor of Mr. Coppola serving as secretary of the Committee.

MOTION: (Mr. Conroy, sec., Mrs. Jachimowski) move to nominate Jay Hatfield to serve as co-vice chairman of the Committee.

Discussion ensued and it was so moved.

Affirmative: Mr. Conroy, Mrs. Jachimowski, Ms. Gesek, Mr. Coppola, Mr. Marcinek, Mr. Putorti, Mr. Smith, Mr. Mirabelle

Opposed: Mr. Baker, Mr. Catlin

Abstention: Mrs. Danka

Mr. Petrucelli distributed copies of the FFE plan that will be presented to the State and reviewed its contents with the Committee membership. The plan has two add-alternates: Swings and harnesses for special education students at a cost of \$5,000, and band instruments in the amount of \$17,000.00. The total cost of the FFE with the two add-alternates is \$577,721.10. \$600,000 had been budgeted for this line item.

Discussion ensued as to why tables were being ordered for first grade classrooms. Ms. Sypniewski, first grade teacher at the Chatfield School, was present and offered her preference for individual desks. It was agreed that desks would be ordered for the first grades and tables would be ordered for only the preschool and kindergarten classrooms.

The following motion was made:

MOTION: (Mr. Baker, sec., Mr. Catlin) move to accept the FFE Plan as presented with the changes noted.

So moved.

Affirmative: Mr. Baker, Mr. Catlin, Mr. Coppola, Mr. Mirabelle, Mrs. Danka, Mrs. Jachimowski, Ms. Gesek, Mr. Marcinek, Mr. Putorti, Mr. Conroy, Mr. Smith

Opposed: None.

Update from Commissioning Agent

No representative was present at this meeting session. Mr. D'Orlando stated that representatives from the Fusco Corporation are in touch with the commissioning agency at least once a week and that there are no pressing issues at this time.

Update on Technology Contracts

Marc D'Agostino distributed the Technology Plan to the Committee membership and discussed its contents. The total cost of the packet is \$820,570.00. He felt all items should be reimbursable. Mr. Smith reviewed the budget amount available for this technology. Discussion ensued and it was decided that the plan could be accepted and sent to the State Department. The Committee members could decide at a later date as to how much would be spent on this item.

MOTION: (Mr. Putorti, sec., Mr. Conroy) to accept the Technology Plan as presented and submit it to the Schools Facilities Unit at the State Department for approval.

So moved.

Affirmative: Mr. Putorti, Mr. Conroy, Mr. Baker, Mr. Catlin, Mr. Coppola, Mr. Mirabelle, Ms. Gesek, Mrs. Danka, Mrs. Jachimowski, Mr. Marcinek, Mr. Smith

Opposed: None.

Ms. Syriac, Ms. Sojka, and Mr. Olechna left the meeting session at 9:55 p.m.

Review of Budget

Mr. Smith stated that action would have to be taken on line item transfers due to a phone system expansion cost of \$3800 and custodial costs of \$12,236.00.

MOTION: (Mr. Conroy, sec., Mrs. Danka) to approve the transfer of \$3800 from the project's contingency fund to the telephone expansion line item.

So moved.

Affirmative: Mr. Conroy, Mrs. Danka, Mr. Baker, Mr. Catlin, Mr. Coppola, Mr. Mirabelle, Mr. Marcinek, Ms. Gesek, Mrs. Jachimowski, Mr. Putorti, Mr. Smith

Opposed: None.

MOTION: (Mr. Conroy, sec., Mrs. Danka) to approve the transfer of \$12,236.00 from the project's contingency fund into the custodial costs line item.

So moved.

Affirmative: Mr. Conroy, Mrs. Danka, Mr. Baker, Mr. Catlin, Mr. Coppola, Mr. Mirabelle, Ms. Gesek, Mrs. Jachimowski, Mr. Marcinek, Mr. Putorti, Mr. Smith

Opposed: None.

Mr. Smith stated that there would still be \$376,000 left in the contingency fund.

Invoices

There was one invoice submitted for action at this meeting session from the Fusco Corporation.

MOTION: (Mr. Marcinek, sec., Mr. Baker) to approve payment of Application #18 from the Fusco Corporation in the amount of \$995,345.00 for work completed to date.

So moved.

Affirmative: Mr. Marcinek, Mr. Baker, Mr. Catlin, Mr. Coppola, Mr. Mirabelle, Mrs. Jachimowski, Ms. Gesek, Mrs. Danka, Mr. Putorti, Mr. Conroy, Mr. Smith

Opposed: None.

Other Business

Mr. Smith reminded Committee members that the next meeting dates are January 25 and February 14, 2012.

Mr. Petrucelli stated that he had a proposal involving an \$1100 cost for surveying sidewalk problems that have occurred since their pouring and a \$2500 amount for additional designs for computers, laptops, and ipods. The following motions were made:

MOTION: (Mr. Putorti, sec., Mrs. Danka) to approve the change order request presented by Silver-Petrucelli personnel in the amount of \$1100 for the conducting of a survey of the sidewalk areas.

So moved.

Affirmative; Mr. Putorti, Mrs. Danka, Mr. Marcinek, Mr. Baker, Mr. Catlin, Mr. Coppola, Ms. Gesek, Mr. Mirabelle, Mrs. Jachimowski, Mr. Conroy, Mr. Smith

Opposed: None.

MOTION: (Mr. Putorti, sec., Mr. Catlin) to approve the expenditure of \$2500 by the Petrucelli Firm for additional designs for computers, laptops and ipods.

So moved.

Affirmative: Mr. Putorti, Mr. Catlin, Mr. Baker, Mr. Coppola, Mr. Mirabelle, Mr. Marcinek, Ms. Gesek, Mrs. Danka, Mrs. Jachimowski, Mr. Conroy, Mr. Smith

Opposed: None.

Hearing nothing further:

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

So moved.

Affirmative: Mrs. Danka, Mr. Mirabelle, Mr. Marcinek, Mr. Putorti, Mr. Conroy, Mrs. Jachimowski, Ms. Gesek, Mr. Baker, Mr. Catlin, Mr. Coppola, Mr. Smith

Opposed: None.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:10 p.m.

Submitted by:

Eugene Coppola