

Workshop Session
Chatfield-LoPresti Building Committee
Tuesday, October 9, 2012
Chatfield-LoPresti School
Conference Room
7:00 p.m.

Present: Donald Smith, Peter Kubik, Yashu Putorti, Trisha Danko, Bruce Baker, Michael Marcinek, Ray Catlin (7:05 p.m.), Gene Coppola, Sandra Gesek, Phyllis Jachimowski

Absent: Paul Mirabelle, Jay Hatfield, John Conroy

Fusco Corporation Representatives: Jeff Luzzi, Bruce Legen

Silver-Petrucelli Representative: David Stein

Board of Education Representative: Richard Belden

Mr. Smith called the workshop session to order at 7:00 p.m. As a regular meeting agenda had not been filed at the Town Hall, this meeting would be a workshop session with no action taken.

Mr. Smith called for any public comment and none was forthcoming at this workshop session.

No action was taken on the acceptance of the minutes of the regular meeting of September 26, 2012.

Correspondence

Mr. Smith related that he had received two items of correspondence since the last meeting session. One was a questionnaire form sent from the State's DOT to be completed regarding the work of the Fusco Corporation on the building project; the other concerned legislation being enacted during the current session of the Legislature regarding the posting of bid items on the State's bidding list. It was not realized during the past year, that according to legislation passed, building committees that did not also bid on the State's bidding list could be penalized in reimbursement funding. As this factor was unknown to many, the State Legislature is amending the bill to remedy the situation for this year only.

Discussion with Construction Manager

Mr. Luzzi reported that he had no change orders to submit at this session. He did report that he will be meeting in the next week with representatives from the P & D Company who have a claim in for \$14,000 and change for work done on feeding lines across the gym. Their claim was that this work was not shown in the design plans.

Mr. Smith appointed Mr. Putorti, Mr. Baker, Mr. Marcinek, and Mr. Catlin as a sub-committee to work on this request along with Mr. Luzzi. The claim will be reviewed at a future meeting session.

Mr. Luzzi reported that work is being done on sidewalk repair in the front entrance due to leakage that was occurring with the sidewalk heating system. This situation is being remedied.

The gym floor repair is currently on hold until the air quality situation is solved. The installers of the system are stating that the air flow situation has been installed as called for by the design plan. There appears to be a difference of opinion with the plan designers.

Mr. Legen stated that they are working on a solution to the air flow situation; however, Mr. Smith felt it should be resolved with some permanency and not just a band aid remedy at this time. Mr. Smith also expressed his concern with humidity levels dropping that could affect the overall remediation. Air flow control is affected by humidity levels. He wishes to be assured once summertime returns, that the same situation does not occur.

Mr. Luzzi reported that several contractors were at the building on Monday, Columbus Day, to address some of the punch list items that were still remaining.

Cafeteria remediation work will be done this Thursday. Some of the areas needing adjustment have already been addressed.

Discussion with Architect

David Stein had brought four sample primary grade chairs to the meeting session. As the preschool and kindergarten classroom chairs have to be replaced, he felt the four legged chairs would be the most inexpensive as replacements. Discussion ensued and it was determined that the teachers should use the samples in the classroom and make a recommendation as to which size would meet their students' needs.

Mr. Stein also reported that several of the furniture orders that had not yet arrived at the building would be delivered within the coming week. These include library chairs, art room stools, et cetera.

Update on Commissioning Agent

Mr. Smith had spoken with the Commissioning Agent's representative and the Agency is in the process of submitting its final report. They did mention that their representatives are waiting to hear what the solution will be to the air flow situation in the gym.

Update on Technology Contracts

Mr. Smith reported that all the phones were in proper working order at the school. Omni Data and Security are installing one more monitor in the main office. The Business Network has completed its work and R & B has been given a punch list on the remaining items needing completion in regard to its work in the building.

The Stage Sound System will be installed as soon as pricing is procured for the electrical work required for the installation.

Review of Budget

Mr. Smith informed the Committee membership that email communications have been running rampantly this past week as the Town's Finance Department is not pursuing long-term bonding on the building project. If the Town does not go down that road, the Committee's budget may be assessed an additional \$100,000 in bonding interest costs.

It was mentioned at this session by Mr. Belden that he had attended a workshop session at the Town Hall during the afternoon, and the remedy to the bonding situation should not affect the project's budget.

Invoices

As no action could be taken at this session on submitted invoices, those submitted will be reviewed and acted upon at the next meeting session.

Other Business

Mr. Smith reminded the Committee membership that the next meeting sessions have been scheduled for October 24, 2012 and November 13, 2012. He also reminded the Committee membership that the Dedication Ceremony will be held on Sunday afternoon, October 14, 2012 at 4:00 p.m. at the Chatfield-LoPresti School.

Mr. Putorti stated that the Board of Education will be addressing the situation regarding the Lombardi property adjacent to the school.

Mr. Luzzi stated that the Ducci Company was seeking a drop in their retainage fee from five percent to two and one-half percent. This matter will be addressed at the next meeting session.

Hearing nothing further, the workshop session ended at 8:21 p.m.

Submitted by:

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