Regular Meeting Chatfield-LoPresti School Building Committee Wednesday, July 25, 2012 Town Hall 7:00 p.m. COPY RECEIVED
DATE: 7/26/12
TIME: 1:40 PM
TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

Present: Donald Smith, Peter Kubik, Bruce Baker, Ray Catlin, Gene Coppola, Yashu Putorti, Trisha Danka (7:47 p.m.)

Absent: Saundra Gesek, Phyllis Jachimowski, Jay Hatfield, Paul Mirabelle, Michael Marcinek, John Conroy

**Fusco Corporation Representative:** 

Bryan D'Orlando

Silver-Petrucelli Representative:

Ken Sgrobati

**SBS** Representatives:

Robert Schlitter, Frank Baldino

**Board of Education Representatives:** 

Richard Belden, Leslie Sojka

Due to a lack of quorum at the meeting's start, Mr. Smith called the workshop session to order at 7:10 p.m. He asked for any public comment and none was forthcoming at this meeting session.

Approval of the minutes of the July 10, 2012 meeting was deferred to later on in the meeting's agenda when a quorum would be present.

Mr. Smith announced that he had received two items of communication since the last meeting session and these would be discussed when applicable in the meeting's agenda.

Discussion with Construction Manager

Bryan D'Orlando distributed a "Two-Week Look-Ahead" pamphlet and discussed it with the Committee membership. All is progressing on schedule and all should be in place by the targeted date of August 15, 2012.

Mr. Smith mentioned that he had received a communication from the Fusco Corporation requesting a waiver of the flooring guarantee in the lobby B-100 area. A communication from the Committee should be sent to the Fusco Corporation acknowledging the guarantee waiver.

Mr. D'Orlando presented and discussed the following Change Order Requests: #333, #338, #339,#340, #341, #342, and #343. COR #305 (001) was to be deleted from the list. Action on these requests was deferred until a quorum of the Committee was present.

## **Discussion with Architect**

Ken Sgrobati brought Committee members up to date on the heat flow problem occurring with the geothermal system. When the geothermal design was done, the architectural firm's personnel met with representatives of a heat manufacturing company. Mr. Bender, who was extremely knowledgeable in these matters, worked very closely with the design team. A specified number of heat flow capacity was determined and the design was drawn accordingly. That number was established as one hundred seventy. Since the system has been in operation, the one hundred seventy number was never reached. The flow capacity has never hit higher than one hundred ten. After numerous meetings and discussions with Mr. Bender, he was of the opinion that the system seems to be functioning rather well with the flow capacity numbering one hundred ten and should remain as such. It should not affect the system's efficiency or the life expectancy of the equipment and it will provide adequate cooling for the school.

Discussion ensued. Frank Baldino, from Strategic Building Solutions, stated that if one hundred seventy had been determined as the number necessary for adequate flow, why is one hundred ten acceptable at this time.

Mr. Baker added that he would like to have more information as to why this lower number should be accepted when the initial design called for a flow output of one hundred seventy. He was adamant on this point and felt no contractual obligations should be met until a more definitive answer is provided to the Committee membership.

Mr. Sgrobati will continue to work with Mr. Bender and provide more specific information at a future date.

Mrs. Danka entered the meeting session at 7:47 p.m.

**Update from Commissioning Agent** 

Mr. Baldino reported that the main issue his company has been working with is the flow capacity in the geo-thermal system. His firm is currently working on testing heating units on the roof.

Mr. Smith stated that he had received a communication from SBS regarding expenses. He had asked if there were any unexpected fees from SBS as budget issues are being discussed and reconciled and the Committee membership did not want to be hit with extra remuneration.

Mr. Baldino stated in his letter that he would be asking the Committee's consideration in recognizing the amount of extra time that had to be spent in testing with the flow capacity problem. Usually, his firm would test equipment once. With the heat flow problem, a total of fifty-eight hours was spent in testing. Until the situation is accepted as is, further testing will be necessary.

Mrs. Danka advised giving this request consideration at the end of the project when it will be determined if the budget allocation would allow this action by the Committee.

Mr. Baker added that perhaps the manufacturer should be involved with some of this remuneration as it is responsible for the faulty equipment that is not functioning at the designated level initially designed by the manufacturer.

Mr. Smith informed the SBS representatives that the Committee membership will take this request under advisement and act upon it at a future time.

**Update on Technology Contracts** 

Mr. Smith reported that all is in place with the technology orders. The Committee membership will have to take action soon on the type of wall-mounting needed for the security system.

**Review of Budget** 

Mr. Smith stated that all Committee members were e-mailed a summary sheet as to the status of the project's budget to date.

Mr. Smith also commented on the work of the sub-committee members who are working with representatives from the Silver-Petrucelli Firm to resolve the issue of additional costs.

Approval of Invoices

Two invoices were submitted for Committee action at this meeting session.

MOTION: (Mr. Baker, sec., Mr. Catlin) to approve payment of Invoice #12-872, from the Silver-Petrucelli Firm, in the amount of \$4,800.00, for construction administration costs.

So moved.

Affirmative: Mr. Baker, Mr. Catlin, Mr. Coppola, Mrs. Danka, Mr. Putorti, Mr. Kubik, Mr. Smith

Opposed: None.

MOTION: (Mr. Baker, Sec., Mr. Catlin) to approve payment of Invoice #9513, from Strategic Building Solutions, in the amount of \$4,953.00.

So moved.

Affirmative: Mr. Baker, Mr. Catlin, Mr. Coppola, Mrs. Danka, Mr. Putorti, Mr. Kubik, Mr. Smith

Opposed: None.

MOTION: (Mr. Putorti, sec., Mr. Baker) to approve Change Order #2 from Omni-Data in the amount of \$534.00.

So moved.

Affirmative: Mr. Putorti, Mr. Baker, Mr. Catlin, Mr. Coppola, Mrs. Danka, Mr. Kubik, Mr. Smith

Opposed: None.

Mrs. Danka left the meeting session at 8:00 p.m.

Other Business

Mr. Smith reminded the Committee membership that the next meeting dates have been set for August 6 and August 22. The meeting locations will be announced at a future date.

Hearing nothing further:

MOTOIN: (Mr. Baker, sec., Mr. Catlin) to adjourn the meeting.

So moved.

Affirmative: Mr. Baker, Mr. Catlin, Mr. Coppola, Mr. Putorti, Mr. Kubik, Mr. Smith

Opposed: None.

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

Submitted by:

**Eugene Coppola**