

Regular Meeting
Chatfield – LoPresti School Building Committee
Wednesday, February 24, 2010
Chatfield School's Teachers' Lounge
7:00 p.m.

Present: Donald Smith, Peter Kubik, Yashu Putorti, Sandra Gesek, Ray Catlin, Bruce Baker, Gene Coppola, Kurt Miller, Michael Marcinek

Absent: Trisha Danko, Jay Hatfield, Phyllis Jachimowski

Silver-Petrucelli Representative: David Stein

Fusco Construction Representatives: Brian Calvert
Joseph Merhill

Board of Education Representative: Richard Belden

Others: Roque Orts
Stephanie Orts

Mr. Smith called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. and led those present in the pledge to the flag. He asked for any public comment and none was forthcoming at this meeting session.

Mr. Smith asked for acceptance of the meeting minutes of February 11, 2010.

MOTION: (Mr. Baker, sec., Mr. Catlin) to accept the minutes of the February 11, 2010 meeting as presented.

One correction was made at the bottom of page 2 that indicated air conditioning was not to be used in the gymnasium while electricity was being provided by the emergency generator.

So moved with correction noted.

Affirmative: Mr. Baker, Mr. Catlin, Mr. Smith, Mr. Kubik, Mr. Putorti,
Mr. Marcinek, Ms. Gesek

Opposed: None.

Abstentions: Mr. Miller, Mr. Coppola

Correspondence

There was no correspondence received for this meeting session.

Discussion with Industrial Hygienist

Mr. Smith reported that he had spoken to Mr. Rath, who was unable to be in attendance at this meeting session, and was informed that plans were being finalized for the PCB abatement project.

Discussion with Commissioning Agent

Mr. Smith reported that he had discussions with the Commissioning Agent and was informed that commentaries made by the Agent regarding design plans had been forwarded to Silver-Petrucelli representatives and his agency was waiting for a response from the architectural firm's representatives.

David Stein stated that the commentaries have been reviewed and would be sent to the Commissioning Agent shortly. He distributed copies of the inquiries made and Silver-Petrucelli representatives' responses.

Discussion with Architect

David Stein provided an update on the status of the design plan. Everyone in the firm is working industriously to get a 95% completion of the design plan within the next two-week period. All plans will be distributed to six individual firms for review. These firms are located throughout the country with one firm chosen for review as far away as North Carolina. The plan is to have these individual reviews returned to Silver-Petrucelli by the end of March, 2010.

Mr. Stein related that the firm is currently working on the last piece of the program design. He had met with Seymour Schools' Director of Maintenance Wayne Naetzel to review the finalized plans with him. He was also happy to report that the kitchen design has been completed and in accordance with the wishes of the school personnel involved with the lunch program.

Mr. Stein also reported that a date has been set for Tuesday, March 2, 2010 with representatives of the Schools' Facilities Unit at the State Department for a review of current regulations and expectations. During this meeting, the PCB situation will be discussed with State Department personnel as this is an entirely new concept for school building projects involving renovations of existing school structures.

Mr. Stein also reported that the planned completion date review scheduled for the end of April, 2010 has been postponed to the end of May of 2010 due to the backlog that currently exists at the State Department. This delay may have an effect on the renovation schedule that had been planned for the summer session of 2010.

Mr. Stein related to the Committee membership that a solution for running the air conditioning during an emergency situation at the school was remedied at Coginchaug High School with the provision of portable air conditioning units that were vented outward from the building. This was offered as a possibility for consideration.

Mr. Stein concluded his report by informing the Committee membership that test borings for wells had been conducted last week. A conductivity test will be done next week which will include testing the water temperature. The information received will provide the parameters as to how far to drill and to how many wells will be needed.

Discussion with Construction Manager

Mr. Calvert reported that his company's representatives will be reviewing the necessary measures that will have to be taken to offset the delay caused by a review of plans by State Department personnel a month later than originally

planned. The situation will be studied further and suggestions will be brought back to the Committee membership at a future meeting date.

Project Schedule

Variables affecting the planned schedule were discussed. It was determined that a PCT date could not be established or determined until after the meeting is held with State Department personnel.

Project Budget

Mr. Smith reported that no changes were necessary to be made at this point in time.

Mr. Putorti inquired as to how much money has been expended on the project to date.

Mr. Belden stated that he is currently working on this number with Town Finance Director Douglas Thomas and will have that information available for the next meeting session.

Approval of Invoices

One invoice was submitted for action for this meeting session.

MOTION: (Mr. Baker, sec., Mr. Marcinek) to approve payment of Invoice #10-90 from the Silver-Petrucelli Firm in the amount of \$212,956.79 for architectural fees.

So moved.

Affirmative: Mr. Baker, Mr. Marcinek, Mr. Catlin, Mr. Coppola, Mr. Putorti, Mr. Miller, Mr. Kubik, Mr. Smith, Ms. Gesek

Opposed: None.

Other Business

Mr. Smith reminded Committee members that the next meeting dates are scheduled for March 9 and March 24, 2010.

He also stated that he has been in close contact with State representatives regarding the Bonding Commission action and will keep the membership apprised of actions taking place with the Commission.

Mr. Smith also reported that three bids had been received for a threshold peer review. Two were in the amount of \$6,000 and one came in at \$6,800. It was recommended by representatives of the Silver-Petrucelli Firm that the bid be awarded to the Thomas Torrenti Construction Engineering Company in the amount of \$6,000.

MOTION: (Mr. Catlin, sec., Mr. Miller) to award the threshold peer review contract to the Thomas Torrenti Construction Engineering Company in the amount of \$6,000.

So moved.

Affirmative: Mr. Catlin, Mr. Miller, Mr. Baker, Mr. Coppola, Ms. Gesek, Mr. Marcinek, Mr. Putorti, Mr. Kubik, Mr. Smith

Opposed: None.

Mr. Kubik inquired as to the attendance of the building principals at the Committee meeting sessions.

Mr. Belden responded that they would be in attendance as the building construction begins.

Hearing nothing further:

MOTION: (Mr. Putorti, sec., Mr. Marcined) to adjourn the meeting.

So moved.

Affirmative: Mr. Putorti, Mr. Marcinek, Mr. Baker, Mr. Catlin, Mr. Coppola,
Ms. Gesek, Mr. Miller, Mr. Kubik, Mr. Smith

Opposed: None.

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

Submitted by:

Eugene Coppola