

Seymour High School
Building Committee Meeting
Tuesday, June 23, 2009
7:00 PM

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DATE: 6/25/09
TIME: 7:50 AM
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Present: Donald Smith, Jay Hatfield, William Ryan, Loreen Coe, John Conroy

Absent: Gene Coppola, Bruce Baker, Peter Kubic

Board of Education Representative: Rick Belden

Turner Construction: Mike Crowl, Paul Taromina, Nigel Light

Mr. Smith called the meeting to order @ 7:25 pm.

Reviewed Minutes of 11/10/08 meeting; motion "to accept as presented" by Jay, seconded by Bill.

Minutes accepted by 3/0/2 (conroy, coe) vote.

Project Budget: Rick distributed copies of an updated budget dated May 5, 2009 prepared by the finance dept.. This budget includes an estimate of finance costs necessary to issue the remaining bonds to close out the project. Rick indicated that the portable classroom vendor (Resin Leasing) presented a claim for unpaid invoices. After deducting final payment for the portable classroom payment, there is still \$0 remaining to be spent. Rick will issue a revised spreadsheet that shows the portable classroom payment in the current year.

Motion "to accept the Financial Report dated May 5, 2009" by John, second by Jay. Motion carries by 5/0/0 vote.

Classroom Power upgrade: Although we had the plans prepared, we longer have any funds left to implement the work.

Motion "to turn plans over to Board of Ed for future use" by John, second by Loreen. Motion carries 5/0/0 vote.

Invoices:

1. Resin Leasing: motion "to approve settlement payment to Resin Leasing, in the amount of approximately \$13,000, for balance of portable classroom contract as recommended by Atty. Temple" by John, second by Jay. Motion carried by 5/0/0 vote.

Completion of Building Committee Charge:

The chair made the following statement:

In Aug. 2002 we were appointed to a Building Committee charged with the renovation and expansion of Seymour High School. In particular, we were to focus on and consider the following issues:

- Three failed referendums for the Oxford High school Project
- The building infrastructure, access and parking
- The kitchen and cafeteria
- The science, math and art classrooms
- The administration area
- Preparation for the upcoming NEASAC accreditation review

The Committee held an Organizational Meeting on Nov. 6, 2002.

The \$21.9 million dollar Project was approved at referendum on October 7, 2003 by a 5:3 margin.

An official groundbreaking was held on Jul 27, 2004.

Despite the challenges and surprises encountered during the construction phase, including a broken water main and the "abandoned" septic tanks, the Turner construction team came thru in the clutch. When all was said and done, our teachers moved in on Labor Day and school opened as planned on Sept. 6, 2005.

Since that day, we have continued to fulfill our charge with the installation of new lockers, new code-conforming bleachers in the gym and pool and a state-of-the-art sound and light system in the auditorium. The recent student production of Beetlemania was outstanding.

Although we desired to provide an electrical and lighting upgrade in some remaining classrooms, it would appear we are unable to do so due to a lack of funds.

Ladies and gentlemen, that being said, I submit to you that we have fulfilled our charge and so much more and wil entertain a motion to that effect:

Motion that "we inform the Board of Selectmen that the Seymour High School Building has completed its charge and has expended the entire \$21.9 authorization approved by Town referendum" by Loreen, second by Bill. Motion carries by 5/0/0 vote.

Motion to "adjourn @ 7:50 PM" made by Jay, seconded by Bill; motion passed by 5/0/0 vote.

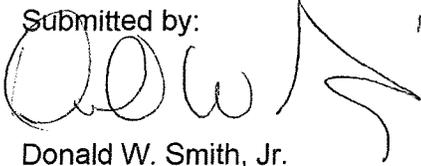
During discussion of the motion:

- The chair recognized and thanked everyone who made this project a success, *it was a TEAM effort by a group of caring and dedicated individuals that he thoroughly enjoyed being a part of.* The chair directed special recognition to Wendy Michaelson, Scott Barton and Glen Partlow for having the wisdom and foresight to initiate the project.
- Rick Belden expressed his and Mary Anne Mascolo's appreciation of a job well done on behalf of the entire student body that will forever use the facility.
- John Conroy thanked everyone on the Committee as well as the Turner Construction representatives. *We were planning and bidding the project during a very volatile construction climate and Nigel hit the estimate right on.*
- Paul Taromina congratulated the Committee and indicated *that Seymour remains as one of their (Ellen, Mike and he) favorite jobs.*
- Jay Hatfield indicated he spoke with Mike V. and Mike sent his regards. Jay also thanked the Committee for *putting up with him and his questions.*

- Bill Ryan indicated *he was glad to be a part of a TEAM effort in which everyone contributed and did a fantastic job.*
- Loreen Coe reiterated all of the prior statements.

Hearing no further discussion, the motion was voted and carried 5/0/0.

Submitted by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "DWS", with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

Donald W. Smith, Jr.
Chairman