

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

SCHOOL CAREER TECHNICAL PROGRAM RENOVATION PROJECT BUILDING COMMITTEE

January 25, 2016

Town Hall Lower Level Conference Room L100

- I. Call to Order – The meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM by the staff liaison, Mr. Baron.
- II. Roll Call - Members present: Timothy Manke, Carol Anest, and Robert Tofeldt, Sr. Others present: Rusty Malik and Jim Healy, Quisenberry Arcari Architects; William Collins, PhD, Superintendent of Schools (arrived at 7:15); Lou Jachimowicz, Chief Finance and Operations Officer (arrived at 7:05); and Jeff Baron, Director of Administrative Services.
- III. Election of Officers – Ms. Anest made a motion to nominate Bob Tofeldt as Chairman of the Committee. The motion received a second from Mr. Manke. There was no discussion. The motion was approved unanimously. Mr. Tofeldt assumed the gavel.
- IV. Public Participation – None.
- V. Approval of prior meeting minutes – Mr. Manke made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 28, 2015 meeting as presented. A second to the motion was made by Ms. Anest. The motion passed unanimously.
- VI. John Wallace Project Update – Mr. Baron reported that the two emergency lighting issues remain unresolved. The Town, Contactor, Project Architect and the Architect’s engineer are working to arrive at an acceptable solution.
- VII. Newington High School Project – Mr. Malik and Mr. Healy presented an overview of the project and the current plans. The project is in two phases. In the first phase, following tests of different materials, there will be a significant amount of abatement. All abatement components are expected to be completed this summer. The first (abatement) phase also has structural implications as there are load bearing walls involved. There will be one set of drawings for each phase. The budget that will be presented will be for both phases. Work will take place where the culinary arts, networking area, and digital lab are now. The culinary area will be upgraded by reorganizing equipment, adding a classroom function, and including an area to display and sell foods. There will be a central lobby area to display information on program activities. The networking program space will shrink. The science area will include space for the biomedical program and health

sciences. The Project Architect is looking to keep the space as flexible as possible to accommodate future needs. There is a space designed to be a regular science lab. Windows will be replaced due to the presence of PCBs. There will be some skylights to provide natural light. A preliminary project budget was presented, showing a construction cost of \$2,223,653.63 and a total project cost of \$2,404,116.50. This is the same format as the budget presented to the State. As it is a preliminary budget, no formal action was required. Committee members did not express any objections to the budget presented, which will serve as the basis for the Project Architect's fees. There is \$2,064,000 in the Public Fund, \$75,000 in a School CIP account, and a pending Town Council transfer of \$300,000. Demolition is expected to take place during vacation periods and abatement is expected to be completed during the summer. Dr. Collins noted that there would be students who have completed two years of the biomedical program at Martin Kellogg Middle School who would be moving up to the High School in the fall. This space will accommodate their needs by allowing biomedical and health care related learning. Additional expansion of the Culinary Arts program space was also considered, but the cost could not be justified.

- VIII. Other Business Pertinent to the Committee – Upon completion, the High School plans will be given to the Building Department for review. It is expected that in three to four weeks they will also be presented to the Project Building Committee for their approval and referral to the Town Council for their acceptance. The next meeting will take place at 5:30 PM. Dr. Collins will invite the Town Council to tour the middle schools' STEM Academies after the Town Council's budget calendar is set. If a tour is unable to be scheduled then the next meeting will be held at the John Wallace Middle School STEM Academy. Various potential student activities that could serve to promote the STEM Academies were discussed.
- IX. Public Participation – None.
- X. Response to Public Participation – None.
- XI. Adjournment – the meeting adjourned at 7:52 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Baron

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