

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

SCHOOL CAREER TECHNICAL PROGRAM RENOVATION PROJECT BUILDING COMMITTEE

August 6, 2014

Town Hall Lower Level Conference Room L100

- I. Call to Order – The meeting was called to order at 4:34 PM.
- II. Roll Call - Members present: Marc Finkelstein, Chairperson; Clarke Castelle; and Dave Nagel. Others present: William Collins, Ph.D., Superintendent of Schools; Lou Jachimowicz, Chief Finance and Operations Officer; Jim Healy, Quisenberry Arcari Architects; and Jeff Baron, Director of Administrative Services.
- III. Public Participation – None.
- IV. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes –Mr. Castelle made a motion that the minutes of the May 6, 2014 meeting be approved as written. A second to the motion was made by Mr. Nagel. The motion passed unanimously.
- V. Kellogg Middle School STEM renovation project status – The project is 80% complete. Some mill work and painting is still outstanding. Flooring, lights, diffusers and ceiling grids have been installed. The project is on schedule for its August 15th completion date. A dedication ceremony is scheduled for later in the month.
- VI. Consider and take action on change orders – Two change order requests were presented. The first was for \$7,072.50 to replace roof drain piping. The pipe had been covered (insulated) and it terminated in cast iron. This pipe will now be above the suspended ceiling, which is an air plenum. As such, it must have the fire code rating for plenum spaces. When the contractor uncovered the pipe during demolition, it was PVC, which is not plenum rated material. It has to be changed to cast iron. The second change order was for \$7,883.00 to provide structural steel under certain sized fan units. This is support for the fume hood that was moved away from a load bearing wall. The fume hood creates a fair amount of noise and needed to be moved to a more appropriate location within the STEM Academy space. The two change orders total \$14,955.50. Mr. Baron reported that the account for this project had an unexpended and un-appropriated balance of \$32,017. There is one other potential change order request for additional climate control for the computer room/closet. The design solution for that is being finalized and pricing for any change order would then need to be provided. If that request exceeded the remaining unexpended and un-appropriated balance, the difference would have to be taken from an operating line item or the

amount of additional work would have to be scaled back. It is not anticipated that the solution would cost that much. Mr. Castelle made a motion to approve Change Order requests 1 and 2, to authorize a total additional expenditure of \$14,955.50. Second to the motion from Mr. Nagel. The motion passed unanimously by a vote of 3 YES to 0 NO.

- VII. Consider and take action on plans and specifications – There are two projects that will be proceeding to bid simultaneously for the John Wallace Middle School. These involve code compliance (specifically, removal of PCB containing materials and reconstruction of the area demolished)) and STEM Academy renovations. The first phase will involve removing the Wing 7 walls and windows, leaving the roof and the steel structure. The floor slab will be sandblasted but will still remain. The second phase is rebuilding the space and modifying it to accommodate the aerospace STEM Academy. The Academy will include two classrooms with folding partitions that open up into aerospace labs. It will include overhead doors that will be tied in to a runway appearance. Various openings will have 12 feet of window space. There will be a recessed area in the floor, capable of holding shallow water, in order to test water landings. The space will be roughly 9,900 square feet, which is larger than the STEM Academy at Kellogg. Mr. Healy showed the Committee elevation drawings. There will be brick up to three feet high, then pre-cast concrete fill, and then insulated aluminum panels intended to provide an industrial, aerospace look. On the interior, there will be corrugated metal in some areas. The lighting in the lab area will have an industrial look also. Mr. Nagel asked about noise. The Art Department has been relocated so they would not be disturbed by the noise. Mr. Baron presented a project budget with anticipated project expenditures of \$1,553,194 for the Code Compliance work (PCB abatement and reconstruction of the demolished area) and \$550,000 for the STEM Academy Renovations. A construction estimate was also presented.
- (a) John Wallace Middle School Code Compliance – Mr. Nagel made a motion that the Newington School Career Technical Program Renovation Project Building Committee accept the plans, specifications, cost estimates and project budget, as presented, for the John Wallace Middle School Science-Technology-Engineering-Mathematics (STEM) Academy Code Compliance project, and submit them to the Town Council for its approval and authorization to proceed with the construction of the building project by securing competitive bids, and for presentation to the State Office of School Facilities. A second to the motion was made by Mr. Castelle. The motion passed unanimously by a vote of 3 YES to 0 NO.
 - (b) John Wallace Middle School STEM Renovations – Mr. Castelle made a motion that the Newington School Career Technical Program Renovation Project Building Committee accept the plans, specifications, cost estimates and project budget, as presented, for the John Wallace Middle School Science-Technology-Engineering-Mathematics (STEM) Academy Renovations project, and submit them to the Town Council for its

approval and authorization to proceed with the construction of the building project by securing competitive bids, and for presentation to the State Office of School Facilities. A second to the motion was made by Mr. Nagel. The motion passed unanimously by a vote of 3 YES to 0 NO.

- VIII. Other Business Pertinent to the Committee – The Board of Education is expected to approve the plans and specification at their meeting later the same evening. The plans and specifications will be presented to the State on August 19th. It is anticipated that they will be referred to local officials for review. The next meeting of the Committee will be held on an as needed basis
- IX. Public Participation – None.
- X. Response to Public Participation – None.
- XI. Adjournment – the meeting adjourned at 5:27 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Baron

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Director of Administrative Services