

BUDGET/FACILITIES SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

Thursday, November 15, 2007

Kickemuit Middle School

Present

Subcommittee: William O'Dell, Paul Brulé, David Dugan and William Estrella

School Committee, Administration and Staff: Diana Campbell, Marjorie McBride, John Saviano, Edward Mara, Melinda Thies, Jane Correia, Bob Pugh, George Simmons, Paul Morris and Myra Webster

Bill O'Dell called the meeting to order at 5:38 PM.

Moving Technology out of Main Street School / Cost Estimate for Technology Rooms at KMS

The Subcommittee met to decide what to do after receiving the attached cost estimate from Luis Torrado.

The group toured the former maintenance shop area which is being

considered for renovation to house the technology department.

Everyone agreed the estimate was extremely high and very far out of the District's price range. Paul Brule made several suggestions for less costly alternatives to Luis Torrado's plan. John Saviano said we have to start with our budget figure and determine what can be done with that amount of money.

The Committee discussed the figure of \$25,000 for architectural services; it was deduced that this figure was the typical 6% of the total project. The engagement of Luis for this project was questioned—Luis had been retained by the District on an as need basis, the Committee considered re-bidding after a time but decided to hold off until after the Colt Andrews project was completed; therefore, as the architect of record, Luis was asked to work out an estimate for this project. The estimate is far more than the \$150,000 the District can afford.

MOTION: Bill Estrella motioned to:

- 1) Respectfully reject the plan before the Committee and establish a \$150,000 budget for the entire project,**
- 2) Ask Administration to engage the architect to give us plans for \$150,000, all costs included, and**
- 3) Have a report back from administration and the architect for the next School Committee meeting.**

David Dugan and Paul Brule seconded. The motion passed

unanimously.

Now is a very advantageous time to bid out this project—most of the work is inside and there are many contractors looking for work.

MOTION: Bill Estrella motioned that the Subcommittee appointment Paul Brule as a ramrod for this project. David Dugan seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 4 to 0.

The Superintendent will arrange a time for Luis Torrado and Paul Brule to review the project and discuss alternatives; they will be joined by Paul Morris and George Simmons.

Adjournment

At 6:21 PM Bill Estrella motioned to adjourn; David Dugan seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

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