

BUDGET/FACILITIES SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

Tuesday, February 12, 2008

Oliver Administration Building

Present

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

Marjorie McBride (alternate)

School Committee, Administration and Staff: Diana Campbell, John Saviano, Edward Mara, Melinda Thies, Jane Correia, George Simmons, Beth Penkala, Pauline Silva (6:22), Luis Torrado and Chris Ferreira

Bill O'Dell called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM.

Public Comment

None

Approval of Minutes

MOTION: Bill Estrella motioned to approve the minutes to the November 15, 2007 and January 8 and January 22, 2008 meetings; David Dugan seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 4 to 0

(Marjorie McBride did not vote).

Warrants

No concerns.

Facilities

Technology Move to KMS

Bill O'Dell's concerns are: 1) outstanding unanswered questions, 2) the need to keep the momentum going, and 3) establishment of one person to "run the show." He had a brief meeting last week at the site with George, Paul, Ed and Jane.

The asbestos situation was discussed as well as other concerns expressed by the Director of Technology. It appears there is fiberglass covering the overhead pipes with asbestos on the elbows. Lou Torrado is not certified or insured to remove or abate asbestos. We have certified staff members who are asbestos competent, but are restricted to ten (10) linear feet for a total of twenty-five (25) feet a year. If undisturbed, it is acceptable to leave the asbestos. The pipes will be wrapped to insure stability of the asbestos and the contractor will be informed he is responsible if they disturb it and that demolition should take place during vacation or over the weekend. Lou Torrado said this handling of the asbestos should result in a credit. The roof is insulated so no additional insulation is needed above the drop ceiling. There is over twenty-four (24) inches for sprinkling space. Paul Brule confirmed that lead paint is not an

issue.

The piston and cylinder in the floor will be removed and the well filled with flowable concrete. Checking the floor for moisture is an alternate; Lou said much of that has to do with the chemicals on the floor.

Electrical: there will be two separate meters, but by code they must be placed in one location (main building). The engineer verified the cable is suitable. All electrical, including USP tie-in, is included in the bid with the exception of the generator.

Security System: There is no security system in this area; it could be added to the list of buildings for Sonitrol, which will be addressed after the Colt Andrews security system is decided. Bill Estrella requested a power drop alarm. George Simmons expects to have this area separate from the main building and every access point to this area to be alarmed.

Luis Torrado had informed the Committee there will be a charge for an additional door at the existing overhead door location—the specs were unclear about this door/window area. Paul Brule said it is imperative to know the cost of the door before it is ordered.

Person in Charge: The Committee discussed options for a project manager-type person. It was agreed that George Simmons would fit

the bill, but there are concerns about overburdening him. A stipend will be discussed at the next Budget meeting.

MOTION: Marjorie McBride motioned to award the bid for renovations to the proposed technology space at Kickemuit Middle School to Tower Construction and appoint George Simmons as Project Manager for this project, contingent on final review by Luis Torrado's contractor. Paul Brule seconded.

MOTION: Bill Estrella motioned to amend: add "that does not have to come back to the Committee again unless there is a discrepancy with the contractor." Paul Brule seconded. The motion to amend passed by a vote of 4 to 0.

The amended motion passed by a vote of 4 to 0. A start and a completion date need to be established.

Mt. Hope Track

The Committee reviewed the equipment purchase passed by the full Committee with Beth Penkala.

Lacrosse Field

Marjorie McBride and Bill Estrella felt a plan for the entire high school complex should be addressed rather than just one field. Bill Estrella said if the field is used by lacrosse, Pop Warner and JV Baseball, the grass will never hold up. The Committee expressed concerns about:

spending \$14,000 for a design that may not come to fruition, the cost of dealing with the drainage problems in that area, restricting the use of the field to the District only, community use of facilities, and the immediate need for a lacrosse field. Beth Penkala has scheduled boys and girls lacrosse and varsity baseball at Guiteras.

Bill Estrella motioned that the Budget/Facilities Subcommittee recommend to the full Committee that we have a joint meeting with a group to determine what we want to do as far as fields is concerned—who will own them, who will maintain them and who will use them. There was no second. Marj McBride reminded the Committee that many, many meetings have already been held. Bill O'Dell designated further discussion on this issue as a future agenda item.

Press Box

After examination of North Kingstown's press box, Steve Eaton determined the project to be suitable for the Home Building Program. George Simmons and Beth Penkala have been exploring collaboration with Roger Williams University on field use; Roger Williams is willing to prepare the design.

ACTION: Bill Estrella asked the Superintendent and George Simmons to make contact with Roger Williams for a press box design.

Chris Ferreira, of the Boosters Club, reported they brought water to the concession stand which they cannot use until a sewer line is laid.

Fee DaPonte could bring water in from Naomi Street at a cost of \$10

per foot. A lift station is needed; Roger Williams has a 500 gallon tank to donate. Local drain laying contractors might be willing to donate equipment if we pay for the manpower. A design is crucial to the project.

Beth Penkala and Chris Ferreira left the meeting at 7:30 PM.

Sound Rooms

George Simmons reported he was contacted by the Wanger Company; there may be fire code concerns.

George Simmons left the meeting at 7:31 PM.

Budget FY 2009

Asset Protection Plan

To be reviewed and discussed at the next meeting.

Capital Projects

Jane quickly reviewed the Capital Projects Funds spent to date--\$427,017, and the projected total at the end of the year--\$595,760; which would leave a projected balance of \$632,087.

CRP Analysis

Pauline Silva explained the CRP Analysis is a consolidation of all our Federal grants; most of these services are mandated. Before figuring

any step increases and increases in benefits, we are in the hole, presuming no carry over. Federal funds are in three forms: requested, carry over and unrequested. Pauline estimates the worse case scenario to be a quarter of a million dollar shortfall. Jane is feeling we will be OK; IDEA will probably have a carry over.

Layoffs

There was a need for clarification from District Counsel on layoff rules for tenured teachers.

ACTION: Bill Estrella asked the Superintendent to request from Attorney Henneous a formal opinions on two issues: 1) Lay offs after March 1st and criteria; and 2) Minimum maintenance of effort provisions in State law -- does it mean the amount the towns participated in the previous year or the component of each of the two towns.

2008-2009 Budget Request

Jane reviewed Administration's proposed budget request.

MOTION: Bill Estrella motioned that the Budget/Facilities Subcommittee recommend to the full Committee a Budget Request in the calculated amount of \$53,040,234. David Dugan seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 10, 2008 at 6:00 PM at Kickemuit Middle School (prior to the School Committee

Workshop).

Adjournment

At 7:57 PM Bill Estrella motioned to adjourn; David Dugan seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

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