

BUDGET / FACILITIES SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

Monday, May 24, 2010

Mt. Hope High School Cafeteria

Present

**Subcommittee: William O'Dell (Chair), Paul Brule and Karen Lynch
School Committee, Administration and Staff: Marjorie McBride,
Melinda Thies, Mario Andrade, Pauline Silva and George Simmons**

Bill O'Dell called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

Bid for Architectural Services

MOTION: Paul Brule motioned to go out to bid for architectural services. Bill O'Dell seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Mt. Hope High School Windows Bid

The Subcommittee discussed whether to replace all or just certain windows; it was agreed that all the recommended buildings could be addressed now and if the actual cost of the windows comes in lower, the one bad window in the music room would also be replaced.

MOTION: Paul Brule motioned to recommend to the full Committee awarding the bid for window replacement to Martone Service Company, the buildings to be addressed in the following order—A, F, E, B and D, and at a total cost not to exceed \$551,815. Karen Lynch seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 3 to 0.

The new RISE heating controls have provided a significant cost savings for the three buildings that were converted; four buildings remain. Each classroom in Building C is a stand-alone control; George will look into the same type of set up for the remaining buildings and report at the next meeting.

Karen suggested the gymnasium windows be a capital projects item for the future.

Transportation Contract

Pauline presented the attached analysis of the East Bay Transportation Contract with the lowest bidder -- First Student; the contract will be award by the State Department of Administration and the Office of Statewide Efficiencies. We have the option to participate or not. A savings of \$215,828.50 for FY 11 would be realized if we participate rather than bid out on our own. This is a savings of \$150,000 over last year's costs. The next lowest bidder was Ocean State, which would have been at a cost of \$103,000 more to the

District.

The proposed contract is for one year with the option of four additional years. All buses are virtually new, or only six months old. Bill has real concerns with First Student because of the past issues with contract compliance. Pauline explained that East Providence and Middletown went with an outside bidder and should they decide to participate, our costs will drop.

MOTION: Paul Brule motioned to accept the transportation bid, provided our savings for FY 11 will equal at least \$215,828.50. Karen Lynch seconded. The motion to accept passed by a vote of 2 to 1 with Bill O'Dell opposed.

Adjournment

MOTION: At 7:05 PM Paul Brule motioned to adjourn. Karen Lynch seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

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