

BUDGET / FACILITIES SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

Monday, December 17, 2012

Mt. Hope High School

Present

Subcommittee: Susan Rancourt, Chair, Marjorie McBride and Paul Silva

Absent: John Bento

School Committee, Administration and Staff: Diana Campbell, Karen Lynch (6:14 p.m.), Melinda Thies, Mario Andrade, Pauline Silva, George Simmons and Halsey Herreshoff

Susan Rancourt, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:08 PM.

Approval of Minutes

Marj M. made a motion to approve the minutes for the October 9, 2012 and December 10, 2012 meetings; Paul Silva seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Facilities Focus

High School Subterranean Update

George Simmons reported that the plans and specs for the High School Renovation Project are complete with just a few changes that need to be made to the plans before it goes out to bid. The Capital Funds Project will cover the \$1.3 million cost up front for this project, and then Housing Aid will reimburse 72% over an eight year period. We received approval from the Board of Regents because this was deemed an emergency. George highlighted the following items of the plan:

- Permeation grouting – drilling holes in the floor and filling the known voids with a gel-like substance which will support the floors and alleviate a lot of settling. This gel-like substance comes with a lifetime warranty.**
- Near Science building, take out old drainage pipes and replace with new piping. After completion, resurface.**
- ADA Requirements and Repairs: moving HVC unit to the roof and removing wooden grates in ceilings; stairways will be made ADA compliant (some rubber treads will be repaired); replacement of wooden doors with metal. These doors currently work “in concert” at Colt, Kickemuit and Mt. Hope High School.**
- HDA Requirements: grab bar installation will now meet requirements**
- Finishes for the floors – cut open floor, repair piping below and then refinish floor afterward. Required to put in a certain amount of**

compacted backfill.

- **Materials schedule – ie. American Standard for plumbing**
- **Under-slab demo – areas where pipes are compromised, ie., Athletic Director Area, girls locker room; and right in front of auditorium; floor will be ripped up here to prepare**
- **All areas of underground piping have been videotaped**
- **2nd Floor plan for ADA requirements**
- **Timeline – would like to have 80-90% done by September 2013 with total completion by June 30, 2014; most work will be completed over the summer and plans will be made to accommodate summer school; athletic programs will be most impacted as they will be down to one entrance, but hoping to start right at the end of school in June**
- **Demo plans**
- **Electrical plans**

The district has used SMMA Architects in the past as they work closely with the state and are up-to-date with the CHPS Program. We will go out to bid, and once we receive a favorable amount, hoping to start during April vacation.

Watershed Area

Walter applied for a grant of \$60,000. Since we are the only ones that have applied for it, we should receive it. This grant will be used strictly for the creek bank. A separate grant of \$40,000 will be used to make repairs farther down creek toward Chestnut Street. Marj M. suggested that the Town of Bristol and the Bristol Warren School

District should work together on these water issues. It was agreed that our chances of receiving monies to help with this would be greater if we joined the town with our request. Halsey H. stated that he is meeting with Baylor Engineering tomorrow and will mention our thinking on working together on flooding and run-off issues. Melinda said there still could be obstacles obtaining a grant as a statewide report will be coming out on each school district's construction projects which may hinder how much money is allocated for such projects.

Press Box

The Press Box in total will need to be replaced as it is not ADA compliant. Two years ago, an aftermarket press box had been looked into which would have cost \$80,000, but essentially would have been the same as what we have now. A suggestion was made to get a new quote with specific requirements laid out. Another idea was to contact Roger Williams College Architecture Department to see if they would be willing to design one for us with their stamp and seal placed on it. The new president of the college has expressed a desire to cooperate and work with the school district in general. Melinda feels at this time the best approach would be to contact Arnold first.

Colt Auditorium Seat Covers

Melinda showed those present the preserved 1909 Colt auditorium leather seat covers. Lou Cirillo, the Bristol Town Clerk, cleaned them up for us. Marj M. initially thought the town could archive them as a

means to make money, but then it was also felt they should be donated to a group such as The Ed Foundation (BWEF) as they have an ongoing means of raising money through different events. The seat covers could be framed and a minimum bid set for them. All agreed to look into who would be the best at doing historical preservation of items and then have one of the seat covers framed as a prototype which could also hang at Colt School.

Budget Focus

Budget Update – FY2013

General Fund

FY2013 is right on schedule. We are spending at a “good rate”, and are slightly behind last year at this time which is good.

Capital Projects

We currently have \$3.8 million in Capital Projects which will certainly cover the \$1.3 million needed up front for the High School Renovation Project.

Awarding of the Snow Removal Bid

George went over the details of the bid which included the companies of Ramsay’s Inc. and MJ Construction. The district uses MJ Construction now and is very happy with them.

MOTION: Marj M. motioned to recommend awarding of the Snow

Removal Bid to MJ Construction; Paul S. seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Budget Process – FY 2014

The FY2014 budget process has begun with Pauline, Melinda and Mario discussing district goals and priority setting for allocation of resources. These goals are in the process of being finalized and once they are, they will be distributed to the School Committee. Marj M. requested to have a listing with a break down of items disseminated as was done in the past. Melinda stated these goals are broken down by mandatory and traditional. One of the items of focus within these goals is the technology piece, ie., online books. The district currently has an account with Amazon for this. Another aspect of these goals is the redesigning of positions which lists our needs in the district and how it equates to resources within the district.

Next Meeting

Tuesday, January 22, 2012

Adjournment

MOTION: Paul S.. motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:36 PM; Marj M. seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

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