

BUDGET / FACILITIES SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

Monday, December 8, 2014

Mt. Hope High School - Cafeteria

Present

Subcommittee: John Bento, School Committee Chair; Marjorie McBride and Paul Silva

School Committee, Administration and Staff: Diana Campbell (6:44 p.m.), Karen Lynch, William O'Dell, John Saviano, Erin Schofield (6:44 p.m.), Lynn Wainwright, Mario Andrade, Superintendent; Diane Sanna, Assistant Superintendent; and Pauline Silva, Director of Finance and Administration and George Simmons

Guests: Ed Bourget, Architect, SMMA; Charles Roberts, Project Manager, SBS

John B. called the meeting to order at 6:40 PM.

ACTION ITEMS

Town of Warren 2014-2015 Snow & Sand Removal Bid

MOTION: Marj M. made a motion to approve moving forward for a full School Committee vote the Town of Warren 2014-2015 Snow & Sand Removal Bid; seconded by John B.

DISCUSSION: Pauline S. stated that MJ Construction is the recommended bid.

The motion passed unanimously.

Kickemuit Middle School Auditorium Renovations Bid

MOTION: Marj M. made a motion to approve moving forward for a full School Committee vote the Kickemuit Middle School Auditorium Renovations Bid; seconded by John B.

DISCUSSION: John S. stated that he is concerned about the proposed cost of the Kickemuit Middle School Auditorium Renovations. He asked whether the School Department has the finances to cover the amount being proposed for the KMS Auditorium Renovations. Pauline S. responded that the School Department has the budget to complete the Kickemuit Middle School Auditorium Renovations as outlined. She reminded those present that the Housing Aid Reimbursement will cover 76% of the renovation cost if all the project goals are met. John S. asked why the \$400,000 originally set aside in Capital Projects for asbestos abatement grew so dramatically. Pauline S. responded that the amount increased to

approximately \$950,000 due to the finish work necessary after the asbestos abatement.

By way of review, Pauline S. stated that when RIDE completed the walk through of the KMS auditorium, they strongly encouraged SMMA to include as part of the project specs, lighting, sound, handicap accessibility and to address safety issues. RIDE stated this additional work would be covered under the 76% Housing Aid Reimbursement. Ed Bourget, Architect for SMMA, explained further the rationale for the additional work recommended by RIDE. He also stated that six bids were received to complete the KMS Auditorium work with a very small margin between the bid amounts. Pauline S. stated that addressing the above issues identified by RIDE accounts for the increased dollar amount from approximately \$950,000 to approximately \$1.4 million.

In response to a question concerning Alternate 1 and Alternate 2 on the bid spec, Ed Bourget explained what those dollar amounts would afford.

Marj M. stated that although she understands and echoes John S. concerns, if the lowest bidder is chosen from the six, the actual cost to the District after the 76% Housing Aid Reimbursement would be \$318,960 and Kickemuit Middle School would gain a new state of the art auditorium.

Marj M. asked what RIDE's timeframe would be to reimburse the

District. Pauline S. responded that she believes the reimbursement timeframe would be two to three years, but will confirm and email the schedule to the Committee.

George S. stated that RIDE places importance on finished project work that is sustainable for many years. George S. stated he recommends moving forward with the proposal as presented to ensure long-term results and bring the KMS Auditorium into the 21st Century.

Paul S. reiterated that RIDE still deems all the proposed work for the KMS Auditorium Renovations to be an emergency and reminded everyone that the RIDE Housing Aid Reimbursement moratorium still exists.

The motion passed unanimously.

Next meeting – Tuesday, January 20, 2015

Adjournment:

MOTION: At 7:00 p.m. Marj M. made a motion to adjourn the meeting; John B. seconded.

The motion passed unanimously.

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