

MINUTES

LITTLE COMPTON SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE

Meeting

May 20, 2010, 1:00 pm

Wilbur McMahan School Library

Members Present: Tom Alder, Bob Mushen, Beryl Borden, Superintendent Harold Devine, Principal Jim Gibney, Tom Arkins, Mark Rapp, Margaret Manning, Don Gomez, Jake Talbot, Mike Steers, Russ Racette, John Osbourne, BG Shanklin, Micah Shapiro

Members Absent: Dave MacGregor, Lynn Brousseau- Lebreux, Dorie Freeman, Ben Gauthier

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Tom Alder at 1:00 p.m. A quorum was present.

The Committee was in attendance to view presentations by five of the six slated Architectural Firms. Each presentation lasted one hour, with the below listed Firms, in order of appearance:

- 1). Robinson Green & Beretta**
- 2). Mount Vernon Group**
- 3). Newport Collaborative Architects**
- 4). Sacoccio & Associates**
- 5). Durkee Brown Viveiros Werenfels Architects**

Once the Architectural presentations were concluded, a discussion ensued regarding the negotiating process. There was a question put forth as to how many of the bids from the architectural firms would be opened by the Negotiating Committee. Russ Racette indicated that typically, as part of the select and negotiate process, that only the bid from the number one preferred firm would be opened. If an acceptable, agreed upon price is not reached, than that Firm would be permanently eliminated for consideration, and the bid from the number two preferred firm would then be reviewed, and a subsequent negotiation would begin. Dr. Devine suggested that utilizing this method would not allow the Building Committee to accurately determine if the bid from Firm #1 was competitive. It was Dr. Devines contention that opening all the bids prior to any negotiation would give the Negotiating Committee useful comparisons. A motion was made by Tom Arkins, and seconded by Russ Racette to have the Negotiating Committee open the bid from Firm #1 solely. This motion was defeated by a six to five margin. A motion was then made by Tom Allder, and seconded by Don Gomez to allow the Negotiating Committee to open the bids from the top three ranked firms, with negotiation to begin with Firm #1, and if said negotiation were unsuccessful, than the Negotiating Committee would commence negotiation with Firm #2, and so on and so forth. This motion carried by a six to five margin.

A motion was made by Tom Allder to adjourn, and seconded by Don

Gomez, at 6:45 pm. This motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted, Tom Alder