

EAST PROVIDENCE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

East Providence School Committee

East Providence City Hall

145 Taunton Avenue,

Room 306

East Providence, Rhode Island 02914

December 3, 2013

Open Session

Mr. Monteiro, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

Members Present: Elizabeth Clupny, Timothy Conley, Anthony Ferreira, Richard Pimentel, Joel Monteiro. Vote 5-0. Also present: Kim Mercer, Superintendent of Schools, Andrew Thomas, Esq. Mike Taber, Project Manager and Tony Simas of SMMA Architects attended.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag & Moment of Silence were observed.

Action Items

Motion by Ms. Clupny to take action on Personnel Appointments first, seconded by Mr. Pimentel. Vote 5-0.

Personnel Appointments- Recommendations of the Superintendent:

Linda Dykeman-Deputy Finance Director

Jesse Spillane-Auto Collision Repair Teacher-CTC-Effective-TBD

Nicholas Shattuck-Middle School Athletic Coordinator

Leslie Eastwood-Head Girls' Indoor Track Coach-EPHS (1 year)

Kathy Dias-Assistant Swim Coach-EPHS

Kevin Croke-Head Hockey Coach-EPHS

Mike Forest-Asst. Hockey Coach-EPHS

Bobbie Simon-Competition Coach-EPHS

Claudia Ainsley-Head Swimming Coach-EPHS

Katie Kenahan-Girls' Basketball Coach-MMS

Bob Rodericks, Jr.-Wrestling Coach-MMS

Angelo Pizzi-Boys' Basketball Coach-RMS

Brian Petsch-Girls' Basketball Coach-RMS

AJ Lascola-Wrestling Coach-RMS

Motion by Ms. Clupny to approve appointments, seconded by Mr. Conley. Vote 5-0.

Facilities/Construction Update and Change Orders – Mr. Catelli provided a hand-out dated December 3, 2013 regarding Change Order No. 2; Mr. Simas and Mr. Catelli reviewed the items for discussion as follows:

PCO-8R Addition of Fire Alarm Devices

Noted that PCO#1 \$9,077 for sidewalk at the high school outside the weight room; Mr. Catelli will look into having the Highway Department to complete the rest of the sidewalk.

Mr. Ferreira – should have a schedule of 200 ft. per season plan going forward.

PCO12R – Waddington Faculty Lounge and PCO-14R Waddington Baby Changing Tables

PCO-24R High School Ceiling Credit – 4-6 classrooms drop ceilings; computer labs moved; credit not to do the work.

#5 – Waddington PT conference room – electrical work

#7-Waddington – HVAC shutdown controls -\$3239.

#9 – Exit Signs \$1695

#13R Walls – codes at Waddington – classrooms/cubbies – reverse it and install it

12 classrooms – new walls – 30 ft. classrooms

Raise up the lockers – change to coat hooks; reconfigure space for step downs; eliminated lockers; more private; put up hooks - \$32,000 change order credit; rooms safer and private

Classrooms 124-25 – 8 ft. section cabinets – added new cubbies and storage; put in a door for bathroom

PCO#16 – Carpet in auditorium – only along the aisles – credit \$66,000 change order

Tony – add the stair lift at Waddington

Fire Department – one chairlift already an issue; asked not to include lift by Fire Department

#23 – Waddington – 14 steel hand rails on steps

Tony concludes with Change Order #11- changes are owner requests; unforeseen situations; state allows 5%; ours below that at 2%; not excessive.

Errors/Omissions – have had to buy; conditions discovered; not things that can be predicted; all fall within the 5%; one identified as code violation; have to address; all prudent

Mr. Ferreira - discussion about how many change orders; Mr. Simas responded that the changes/revisions go back and forth with the contractors and it takes a while in the process before any one says

yes. Mr. Catelli added that the contractor has until December 31, 2013; will make a tour at that point; Mr. Catelli did a preliminary walk-thru/punch list; will schedule a walk-through with School Committee on all.

Mr. Taber – Blomberg will go through to critique sometime in January.

Mr. Monteiro noted an area at High School (new part of the building) with holes in the ceiling. Mr. Taber – as a group they should have caught that; rush was to get school opened on time.

Mr. Ferreira asked about how long on warranties; windows, etc. and money spent on doors (\$3,000) and we adjust them later? Mr. Simas – products have different warranties; maybe 15 or 10; each element of construction has warranties- it varies; SMMA can get information on that.

Mr. Simas – hardware not completed yet; contractor holding off; more work now with students in the building; will work on weekends when they can; will have letter of sub completion; can hold the money until the project completed and all agree first.

Architect – staff should get training and operational manuals; school maintenance should follow up. Mr. Catelli offered that RIDE is part of the maintenance. Mr. Catelli – putting blocks in the doors to prop open pulls hinges away; principals sent emails about this; we have a lot of door issue due to our own people; this costs the district money; we need to educate staff better; spending money on this.

Dan Luiz of SMMA – this will be addressed in school safety plans

Motion by Ms. Clupny to adjourn; seconded by Mr. Pimentel at 5:54PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. Iannelli, Administrative Assistant

Elizabeth Clupny, Clerk of the Committee