

Central Falls School District Building Committee
April 4, 2011
Minutes of the Meeting

A meeting of the Central Falls Schools Building Committee was held on Monday, April 4, 2011 in the Central Falls High School in Central Falls, Rhode Island, Library.

At 1:05 p.m., Frances Gallo, Superintendent of Central Falls Schools, called the meeting to order.

Committee members

Frances Gallo	P
Giovanna Venditti	P
Kathy Gaouette	A
Marie Twohey	P
Ellen Eggeman	P
Joe Nield	P
Todd Olbrych	P
Ed Vandette	P
Sonia Rodrigues	A
Anna Cano-Morales	A

Other attendees present were:

Joseph da Silva
Mario Papitto
Jim Smith
Ed Lupinek
Cheryl Lafonde

The minutes of the previous meeting was discussed and reviewed by the members. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Ms. Eggeman seconded by Mr. Olbrych. The committee unanimously approved the minutes.

A lengthy discussion of the de-scoping exercise was led by Mr. Lupinek whose work was presented in a package including an initial letter of recommendation to award the bid to Iron Construction.

A motion was made by Ms. Eggeman, seconded by Mr. Olbrych to approve the bid award to Iron Construction for a total project bid of \$1,898,000. Base Bid \$1,293,000; Alternate #1 \$129,000; Alternate #2 \$65,000; and Alternate #3 \$411,000. The motion was approved 7, 0.

A flow chart regarding a recommended process for change orders was presented by Mr. Lupinek and reviewed in detail by the members. A recommendation was made by the Building Committee members to seek authorization within limitations to approve change orders in a timely manner without causing unnecessary special meetings of the Trustees. A motion was made by Ms. Twohey, seconded by Mr. Vandette, to ask the Trustees to approve "Change Order" authorization to be granted to the majority vote of the Building Committee for any change orders not exceeding \$10,000 and only when less than half of the contingency funds have been encumbered. The motion was approved 7, 0.

Open discussion was held regarding legislative movement toward a second larger bond to continue to support the work of renovation in the schools.

Mr. Lupinek presented his views on a second project to replace existing heating units in order to supply heat to the 16 rooms currently without heat in the high school. The members agreed that specs should be developed to replace the existing units with two highly efficient units that would support any ongoing work at the high school. There will be more to come in the next meeting on this topic.

No bills submitted for approval.

No other business came before the Committee.

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Vandette, seconded by Mr. Nield. The meeting concluded at 2:50 PM.