

**NORTH SMITHFIELD  
SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE**

**April 17, 2008**

**KENDALL DEAN**

**5:30 P.M.**

**BOARD MINUTES**

**Present: David Chamberland, Paul Vadenais, Jane Biron, Stephen Lindberg, John Perry, Edward Yazbak, Paul Nordstrom and Scott Majeau.**

**Others: Charles Roberts, Ron Fagnoli, David DeQuattro, Steve Hughes, John Lahar, Robert Desrochers and Eric Butash.**

**This meeting was called to order at 5:37 p.m. and roll call for the meeting was done by Jane Biron.**

**OLD BUSINESS**

**David Chamberland reported on Mrs. Nevadonski's well. Mr. Joseph J. Reale, Jr. sent a letter to Mr. Michael Long, Mrs. Nevadonski's lawyer, asking that the work be done by May 1st. Also, included with**

that letter was a copy of the supplemental geotechnical engineering report. Mr. David DeQuattro explained how the two wells would work together on her property. Mr. Paul Vadenais felt that the level of service would be as or better and he will attend the Town Council meeting to report on this.

**Baseball Field – A price has not yet been obtained to install the trench. The baseball field is being used by the school’s team.**

**Transition Schedule – Mr. Stephen Lindberg along with Mr. Charles Roberts felt that the transition to the middle school should go along smoothly.**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Gilbane’s Report - The bid for the final cleaning was advertised in the Providence Journal and the Call. Eight contractors picked up the bid, five attended the prebid and only 1 submitted a bid. Gilbane is recommending Allan Industries, Inc. in the amount of \$24,500. Referring to page 6 of the bid package this work will be done right before the furniture is delivered. All furniture vendors will set up their furniture at the loading dock and they will remove any and all boxes, packages, etc.**

**FF & E Bid Tabulation – A tabulation was supplied showing the group of items, company name and amount of bid. Gilbane recommended**

that for the student chairs and desks that Equipment Environments be awarded the bid. All teacher desks, office, conference desks be award to W.B. Mason. School Specialties helped put the entire bid package together. School Specialty provided a folding table of super quality for the dinning equipment. Custodial Equipment was not a full bid, but items that did not receive a bid can be obtained at a later date. The town has 45 days to place the purchase orders. Concerning the Music section, no one placed a bid on the acoustic piano.

David Chamberland asked why bids were not received for section 9, 10, and 14. Gilbane felt the necessities should be awarded first.

Music - A discussion followed about why the school purchases certain instruments. John Lahar stated that if we offer a class we must offer the equipment if a student cannot afford to purchase one. Stephen Lindberg noted that other communities also offer instruments if a child cannot afford one. More discussion followed. David Chamberland felt if we cannot afford this situation it should not have been in the budget. Stephen Lindberg stated the music budget was corrected to reduce it and he also felt we should not eliminate the instruments.

Industrial Arts – Charles Roberts would like to be sure that if the committee purchases three table saws that there is enough electricity capacity. Paul Vadenais questioned exactly what are we buying and

the amounts. David Chamberland referenced #9,12, and 14 and questioned if all the items are needed. Mr. Lindberg felt they were as far as the items already reviewed. Mr. Roberts mentioned that Gilbane is recommending items that are actually needed to open the school. If every item is purchase that appears on the tabulation sheet the project would be \$81,955 short.

Music furnishings include cabinets, risers which are recommended by Gilbane.

David Chamberland felt that the board should meet in two weeks to discuss all items not recommended tonight.

Stephen Hughes asked the board to vote tonight on all items needed, i.e. desks, chairs, etc. Paul Vadenais asked why the higher bidder was recommended by Gilbane for the dinning tables. Steve Hughes stated that the quality was most important and this was their recommendation. Does the alternative meet the specs was asked by Edward Yazbak and Steve did not feel it did. Paul Vadenais asked if the Town Council approves the bid can the award be changed later. Ron Fagnoli felt depending if it was a stock item or not. A discussion followed concerning the specs and bids received.

Technology – Gilbane’s recommendations represents the quality and compatibility needed. Eric Butash explained the various components needed to address the middle school; switches (network), wireless

(laptop) and various sections needed to use and protect the computers. He met with Sysco to get a lower price than the state bid list. David Chamberland asked if anything on the list would not be housed at the middle school – no. Eric also explained the state of affairs at the high school. Mr. Chamberland asked if this list included computer – no. Will we have everything up and ready without computer? Mr. Butash has been working on this by adding to the capital budget and also plans to shuffle computer around at the high school and Halliwell.

Mr. Ron Fagnoli felt that \$275,000 could be returned to the GMP so that the school department could vote to purchase the computers. Mr. Chamberland asked what would be purchased with the money and Mr. Butash stated the switches. Mr. Chamberland then asked if the money left in the contingency fund could be returned to the school department. Mr. Yazbak stated the money can only be returned to the town first and then the town could purchase the computers. Edward Yazbak reminded everyone that the town owns the building at this time until it is completed and they sign it over to the school department. Mr. Chamberland felt the town council should make these purchases with the advice of the Technology Director. At this time Mr. Yazbak wanted to know where the project was financially. This was discussed further.

The extra switch was question by Mr. Yazbak and he also wanted to know why computer drops were installed behind the cafeteria. An

office for the food service is located there. Mr. Chamberland asked Mr. Butash to provide a list of items that should be purchased with money turned over to the town. Paul Vadenais wanted to know if switches were at the top of the list – yes. He also asked if there were issues with the Smartboards. Eric felt a grant might be realized. He will prioritize the list and investigate on any duplicate items.

**Core Copiers – David Chamberland questioned if anything was budgeted for copiers and Mr. Roberts said yes but not at this magnitude. A quote was received in the amount of \$84,612. Mr. Yazbak felt most copiers are leased since technology changes so fast. Mr. Chamberland felt that since \$550,000 was allowed for FF&E the budget was short, but decisions are needed to be made; a lease might be the way to go. It was mentioned the town council is looking to get back \$500,000**

Mr. Roberts then addressed the change requests, designers contingency and the owners contingency. The Design Builder Contingency has \$461,487 and the Owners Contingency has \$241,873.

Mr. Lindberg and Mr. Butash felt that all the computer equipment (switches) should be changed from the high school to the middle school to become the Hub for the entire school district.

Mr. Stephen Lindberg stated that the copier might be pulled out

**completely and obtained by a lease and the musical instruments be cut also to close the \$81,000 on the FF&E shortage.**

**Commissioning – May is the last date for commissioning. Steve Hughes felt that would be too late in the project. David Chamberland asked for a break down on what has been done and what needs to be done.**

**The following are recommendations to the Town Council:**

**Motion was made to recommend to the town council the final cleaning contract be awarded to Allan Industries in the amount of \$24,500 was made by Edward Yazbak and seconded by Paul Nordstrom. The committee unanimously approved the motion.**

**Motion was made to recommend to award the bids and issue purchase orders for Section 1,2,3,4, 5,6,7,8,11,13,15,16,17,18,19,20,21,22,23,and 24 was made by Edward Yazbak and seconded by David Chamberland. The committee unanimously approved the motion.**

**Paul Vadenais asked that the musical instruments be revisited at the next meeting.**

**Motion was made to return \$275,000 for technology to revert back to the town so that, with the recommendations of the Technology Director, the town could purchase the switches was made by David**

**Chamberland and seconded by Scott Majeau. The committee unanimously approved the motion.**

**Edward Yazbak felt that all this information should be sent to the Town Council and David Chamberland agreed and stated someone should assist Paul Vadenais to address the Town Council on these matters.**

**Music – David Chamberland cannot support purchasing the equipment. All students must purchase their own musical equipment. Jane Biron questioned why instruments were purchased for student who could not purchase their own. Paul Vadenais agreed we cannot afford to do this. Instruments to form the band, which are too large for parent to purchase, are supplied by the school department.**

**Load Match - Mr. Chamberland asked if Mr. Steve Wilkson could attend the next meeting**

**Mr. Steve Hughes would like to address the technology again at the next meeting.**

**Football Field - Mr. Roberts stated the turf will go in on Tuesday and will take three weeks, the light poles were delivered today and the track will be done in stages. While it is being installed the parking lot will be locked to avoid people coming and walking on it until the track**

**is cured.**

**Stephen Lindberg thanked Mr. Roberts for the tour given recently for the town administrator and directors. Mr. Lindberg is looking into a price for a pole volt run and a long jump put. The high school athletic directors are researching the cost and location for a new board. They plan on doing a fund raiser to purchase the scoreboard.**

**The next meeting will be on Thursday, May 1, 2008.**

**The meeting was called for adjournment by David Chamberland at 7:45 p.m. and second by Edward Yazbak.**