

**NORTH SMITHFIELD
SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE**

May 1, 2008

KENDALL DEAN

5:30 P.M.

BOARD MINUTES

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

Others Present: John Lahar, Gary Ezovski, Ron Fagnoli, Charles Roberts, Steve Hughes, David DeQuattro, Maureen Chevrette, and Steven Wilkinson.

The meeting was called to order at 5:36 p.m. Following roll call by Jane Biron the minutes to the April 3, 2008, and the April 17, 2008, meetings were reviewed and motion to approve the minutes was made by David Chamberland and seconded by Edward Yazbak. The committee unanimously approved the motion.

Motion to approve requisition for payment No. 21 in the amount of \$1,529,728.38 for Construction Management Services for the period through April 30, 2008, was made by Edward Yazbak and seconded by David Chamberland. The committee unanimously approved the motion.

Motion to approve requisition for payment No. 9-F in the amount of \$492,265.25 for Construction Management services for the period through April 30, 2008, was made by Edward Yazbak and seconded by John Perry and David Chamberland. The committee unanimously approved the motion.

Motion to approve requisition for payment No. 8S in the amount of \$6,441.54 for Construction Management services for the period through April 30, 2008, was made by David Chamberland and seconded by Edward Yazbak. The committee unanimously approved the motion.

No bills were received from Joseph J. Reale, and The Thompson & Lichtner Company, Inc.

OLD BUSINESS

Well – Paul Vadenais explained the contents of two letters, one received from Joseph J. Reale, Jr. and the second letter from Michael W. Long, Mrs. Nevadonski’s lawyer. David Chamberland felt that this

should now finalize all questions and we can move forward. Paul Vadenais felt it necessary to wait for her letter of acceptance before forwarding the bill to the Town.

Security – The new price for the security is \$3,683. The School Committee approved the new amount.

Baseball Field – Areas of the field have been seeded. The caps have been secured on the pipes.

Technology – Edward Yazbak attended a special meeting with the Town Council. He explained to the council the price for technology is more than what was budgeted, but the middle school will be technology advanced. The Town Council seemed at accept this. The amount of \$275,000 should be approved for transfer. Eric Butash will meet tomorrow with Mr. Gerald Benjamin to review the equipment needed. David Chamberland would like Mr. Butash to work with Mr. Benjamin to form a recommendation priority list to present the committee. Eric stated \$204,000 is the reduced configuration at this time. He plans to purchase the core equipment first and then work on the extras later. Edward Yazbak asked Eric is he could send the list to the committee before the next meeting. Eric will send the list by Tuesday. Mr. Yazbak asked is we were in the time frame for ordering and Mr. Butash felt it was tight but yes. David Chamberland would like the information before the next meeting so that funds for the transfer will be available after the meeting. Edward Yazbak asked that

Mr. Butash keep the finance director informed.

FF&E - #9, 12 and 14 – Mr. John Lahar stated that Mr. Fritz Benz, Music Director at the high school, polled all schools in the area and they offer musical instruments to students in need. The high school does not have any extra instruments to send to the middle school and Halliwell has just a few. Paul Vadenais stated that we are purchasing the large instruments. These are not the personal instruments for students, i.e. flute, trumpet, etc. The budget in Music was reduced to \$13, 683.80 and that left \$114,000 to spend on FF&E.

Industrial Arts – According to Mr. Lahar \$3,000 was reduced in the Industrial Arts equipment but they still would need to purchase a cleaner and jointer which are not listed. He also questioned the quality of some of the equipment listed. David Chamberland asked for a prioritized list for Industrial Arts.

Science – They are still in progress reviewed the list.

Kitchen – There were no bids received on items listed.

Copy Machine – No determination was made.

John Lahar would like to look at the list of items again to make reductions. Mr. Chamberland stated that \$114,000 was available to spend on band equipment, science equipment, custodial and

technology equipment.

Steve Hughes will meet on Tuesday with the vendor for the cafeteria tables to pick out the colors and would like to know if quantities would change. David Chamberland felt that the cafeteria tables should be ordered now. Discussion followed regarding how to prioritize and purchase equipment. Edward Yazbak asked if programs could be combined with the high school so that more programs could be furnished fully, but the difference in bell schedules would not allow this. David Chamberland reiterated that a priority list is needed from John Lahar in technology, science and music.

Steve Hughes want to get another sample of dinning table, but Mr. Chamberland felt he should go forward with the awarded bid.

Maureen Chevrette stated that the school department does not have the money to purchase the copiers for the middle school. Edward Yazbak recommends that the school department lease and not purchase the copiers. David Chamberland offered the committee's help to Eric Butash and John Lahar in completing these lists.

NEW BUSINESS

Gilbane – Steve Wilkinson – Load Match – They only improve the life of the pump they do not make the pump more efficient. John Perry

felt it was redundant to install them; not a bad idea but not worth spending the money. David Chamberland asked is we were saving anything or are we creating more problems down the road. Mr. Wilkinson thought it would be a saving. Since this would be installed on some of the pumps not all of them, John Perry suggested that we should do this at a later date. Paul Vadenais felt it was a good idea to wait as long as the warranties were not compromised. David Chamberland suggested an additional wire be run for this and would like a summary from Steven Wilkinson regarding his recommendation.

Dedication Plaque – Steve Hughes submitted a drawing of the dedication plaque for review and approval. A revision was submitted and no decision was made at this time.

Commissioning – Steve Hughes submitted a letter from Sebesta Bloomberg & Associates, Inc. regarding their proposal for commissioning services. Also, supplied was a sample prefunctional checklist. Steve explained the value and function of this list. A copy of a tracking sheet was also supplied. David Chamberland questioned if \$60,000 was available for this and agreed that this service was indeed valuable and recommended it. It was suggested that when this work is done that Robert Desrochers and the maintenance crew be in attendance.

Softball Field - Is not available this season. This is only the second

growing season and there are also safety issues. Paul Vadenais will notify Parks and Rec of this decision.

Field Lights – This is a new system – State of the Art by Musco Lighting. This company will monitor the system or individuals in the school department can do it. The lights will be installed next week.

The Cash Flow Report will be e-mailed to the finance director.

Construction Schedule Update – the project is on time and could even be ahead of time.

Transition Schedule Update – This will be discussed at the next meeting.

Contingency Analysis – Owner's Contingency - CR#1530 must be put back in the Owner's Contingency due to the fact that DEM requires the neutralizer. It prevents acid residue from going back into the system. There is a need to protect the septic system. Green Chemistry. The Owner's contingency balance is \$294,000; with the returns it should be \$390,000. Paul Vadenais stated that \$65,000 will be put back in the Owner's contingency because of a grant for the generator. The Design Contingency is \$243,000.

Charles Roberts presented items which needed to be voted on: Commissioning \$60,000, Edgegrain Wood Floor \$6,023, sidewalks

\$49,448 and acid neutroztion \$30,125 for a total of \$197,000 out of the Owner's Contingency.

Design Contingency- Gilbane listed potential costs which might arise.

David Chamberland asked what Gilbane's recommendation is regarding the list. When the list is finalized Gilbane will make the recommendations.

Motion to recommend to the Town Council approval of CR#23 - \$6,245, CR#1020 - \$386, CR#1105 - \$32,738, CR#1480 - \$12,787, CR#1530 - \$30,125, CR#40012 - \$49,448, CR#40052 - \$6,023 and CR#40170 - \$60,000 for a total of \$197,520 was made by Edward Yazbak and seconded by David Chamberland. The committee unanimously approved the motion.

Motion to transfer \$128,622 from the Design Builder Contingency, \$32,156 to Gilbane and \$96,466 to the owner's Contingency was made by Edward Yazbak and seconded by David Chamberland. The committee unanimously approved the motion.

Motion to recommend to the Town Council approval from the Design Builder Contingency the following: CR#236, 271, 620, 930, 995, 1000, 1010, 1050, 1105,1140, 1150, 1200, 1210, 1270, 1280, 1370, 1430, 1440, 1460, 1560, 1570, for a total amount of \$196,323 was made by David Chamberland and seconded by Edward Yazbak, the committee unanimously approved the motion.

Motion to recommend to the Town Council CR#85010 to add drainage to the football field in the amount of \$10,074 was made by Edward Yazbak and seconded by John Perry. All the committee unanimously approved the motion.

Permit Fees - Paul Vadenais stated \$68,000 in fees should be put back into the project by the town. Fees totaling \$68,925 needs to be refunded to the vendors from the town and then the vendors must return the money to the project through amended contracts. Minutes from the Council meeting of October 16, 2006 were distributed to show the vote of the Council.

A motion was made to advise the town council to return the fees collected from the vendors for this project in order that these vendors return the money to the middle school project was made by David Chamberland and seconded by Edward Yazbak. The committee unanimously approved the motion.

Open Forum

When the town council met recently Edward Yazbak stated to Mr. Zowlenski, Mr. Keeley and Mr. Leclerc that we are at a crucial part regarding decisions, changing orders, things to be done, etc. They should attend the North Smithfield Building Committee meetings. This is the largest project in 50 years for the town and it is not getting

enough attention.

David Chamberland stated his disappointment in the format of the material presented by Gilbane tonight. If it were not crucial in timing he would not have voted on these items presented today.

The next meeting will be June 5, 2008.

The meeting was called for adjournment by David Chamberland at 7:53 p.m.