

BUILDING (CAPITAL) COMMITTEE MEETING

MCFEE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

108 HIGH STREET

WOONSOCKET, RI 02895

Meeting Minutes

September 24, 2015

ATTENDEES: Peter Fontaine, George Lacouture, Brad Peryea, Garrett Mancini, Tom Wrona, Angela Holt and Cindy Russell

Acting Chairman Fontaine called to order the regular meeting of the Building Committee at 3:05 .

I. Approval of minutes from last meeting on August 27, 2015 by Mr. Wrona; seconded by Ms. Russell. All in favor.

II. Open issues

- a) There is 20,000,000 dollars available for the school districts of Rhode Island provided by RIDE. Mr. Peryea has begun the process of securing some of these funds for the WED. He has sent a letter to the School Building Authority at RIDE. In this letter he detailed various tasks that WED is hoping to complete by August 31, 2016. The total for these tasks is 750,000 dollars. WED applied for this money because there will be no lag in reimbursement time. RIDE will take care of the bills on a monthly schedule. As soon as Mr. Peryea hears back from RIDE he will notify the members of the Building Committee.
- c) Mr. Fontaine and Mr. Peryea would like to hire a project manager. RIDE has a list of approved project managers. Most districts have already begun the process of hiring a project manager. The project manager would coordinate and oversee all of the contractors and their subs. He/she would go to all of the Building Committee meetings to keep members abreast on the progress of tasks being done. Mr. Lacouture asked for a list of projects for next meeting. He also said it would be up to the School Committee to hire a project manager. Mr. Fontaine agreed because it would be a new hire. The project manager would be under contract with no benefits paid. Also, everything in Phase I has been approved. Mr. Fontaine said that an email would be sent out to all committee members regarding projects pointed out by RGB. Ms.

Russell asked if the hiring of a project manager could be handled in the same way as RGB. Interview, then make a recommendation to the School Committee.

- d) Mr. Fontaine said that one school bus would accomplish the bussing issues.
- e) Mr. Lacouture asked why the Career Center was not on the agenda. Mr. Fontaine responded by saying that Mr. Webb was not ready as of yet. Mr. Wrona asked what would happen if we did not take over the career building and closed the school. Mr. Peryea said the district would lose a great amount of funding.

Acting Chairman Fontaine motioned to move to executive closed session; Mr. Wrona seconded. All in favor.

III. EXECUTIVE CLOSED SESSION

- a) Mr. Peryea asked RGB for a detailed explanation of invoice. RGB responded by saying that it was because of the sprinkler system. There was additional engineer work and had to rebid out the job. When bid did come back it was 15,000 dollars more. RIDE refused to reimburse this money. Mr. Fontaine said that Mr. Mathews had an issue with going over the amount of \$131,000 quoted by RGB. RGB said that they tried to go back to RIDE but were told they would have to start all over again. RGB asked not to receive any more letters. They make themselves available 24/7 by cellphone. Please reach out if you are displeased with their services.
- b) Mr. Fontaine wanted to know if the amount of \$750,000 (based on RGB figures) submitted to RIDE was enough. RGB said to amend it to 1,000,000 dollars.
- c) General projects for Phase I are as follows; roofing repairs (not full roof); asbestos tile removal; extensive work for WHS water heater; and big ticket items district wide. Middle schools are not addressed in Phase I.
- d) RGB asked if they could be paid. Mr. Lacouture said that because the invoice was more than quoted it had to go before the School Committee.
- e) Next meeting to be held October 8, 2015

Acting Chairman Fontaine motioned to move from closed session; Mr. Wrona seconded. All in favor. Then Mr. Fontaine proceeded to motion to adjourn; seconded by Ms. Russell. All in favor.

Minutes submitted by: Cheryl Rondeau