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Meeting Minutes

Permanent School Building Committee

Chairman Rick DeMatto, Robert J. Austin-LaFrance, Michael Doyle, Robert K. Frink, Richard Monteiro and David Russell

Thursday, August 16, 2012

7:00 PM

Town Hall Annex - Community Room 2

1. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Chairman Rick DeMatto, Robert J. Austin-LaFrance, Michael Doyle, Robert K. Frink, Richard Monteiro and David Russell

Staff: *Wes Greenleaf, Director of School Buildings and Grounds, GPS and Colleen Quattromani, Recorder.*

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.

2. RECEIPT OF CITIZEN'S PETITIONS, COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

None.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A) July 19, 2012

A motion was made by Mr. Russell and seconded by Mr. Monteiro to accept the minutes of July 19th as written. The motion passed unanimously with one abstention by Mr. Doyle.

4. COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS (other than Subcommittee reports)

(a) PSBC Members

Chairman DeMatto noted that the DPW has provided a response to the Committee request for an update on the Fitch High School Window Repair.

(b) Staff

Mr. Greenleaf reviewed the DPW Fitch High School Window Repairs report with the Committee. He said Cherry Hill has been on the job with a full time supervisor from Gilbane on hand. Simpson, Gimpert has also been on site to watch the repairs. Mr. Greenleaf is happy with the direction the repairs are taking. The repairs will not be complete before the start of school and will continue after the students leave each day at 2:00 PM.

5. RECEIPT OF SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

a) TOWN COUNCIL APPOINTED PROJECTS

P-2012-0005 West Side Middle School Portable Classroom Unit (2012-0087)

West Side Middle School Portable Classroom Unit

Committee Lead: David Russell

1) Staff

2) Committee

The BOE has signed a contract with M. Space Holding LLC and a project management meeting has been held. An issue has arisen concerning the windows for the portables so some of the submittals are not yet approved. The Architect for the project doesn't think the contractor understood the hurricane standard needed for the portables and has rejected the contractors proposed materials. This could impact the completion date for the project.

P-2012-0006 Carl Cutler Middle School Portable Classroom Units (2012-0088)

Carl Cutler Middle School Portable Classroom Units

Committee Lead: Robert LaFrance

1) Staff

2) Committee

see West Side Middle School

P-2012-0007 Mary Morrisson Asbestos Floor Tile Removal (2012-0089)

Mary Morrisson Asbestos Floor Tile Removal

Committee Lead: Robert Frink

1) Staff

2) Committee

Mr. Greenleaf reported that it was difficult to get the tile contractor to perform but that work was completed Tuesday. The floor finish was rejected but there was no time to correct the issue as the BOE maintenance crew took possession of the building Wednesday and began moving the furnishings back into the classrooms. The BOE will retain money and plan to have the contractor or a replacement contractor or BOE maintenance staff correct the finish over the Christmas break. Mr. Greenleaf said the tile is premium and will be ok lasting 30 to 40 years. The Mary Morrisson Asbestos Floor Tile Removal project was over budget by several thousand dollars. Mr. Greenleaf will return to the Town Council once he has exact figures for additional funds as this was a grant project. The PSBC will be appraised of the final cost of the project.

P-2012-0008 Fitch High School Roof Replacement (2012- 0090)

Fitch High School Roof Replacement

Committee Lead: Richard Monteiro

1) Staff

2) Committee

Mr. Greenleaf told the Committee again that the State had verbally refused the waiver for the roof pitch on the Fitch High School Roof Replacement project. The BOE has asked two contractors for a fair market value estimate for the project and will return to the State to make the case that the cost burden for the specifications is too great a burden on the Town of Groton. Mr. Greenleaf felt strongly that the Town should pursue this waiver as a relief for an unnecessary cost. The Committee wondered if other Towns have received waivers on this issue and Mr. Greenleaf thought the architect should look into it. Meanwhile a patch has been installed and has held up during the recent rain events.

OTHER BOE PROJECTS

Mr. Greenleaf gave several tours of the two Middle School projects this week including one for Chairman Dematto and one for the Mystic River Press. Mr. Greenleaf hoped the public would see some pictures from the newspaper. the West Side Middle School Renovation project will be down to the wire next week and overtime is being used to get as much done as possible for the start of school. The Carl Cutler Middle School will be 100% complete for the students return. Mr. Greenleaf said his crews have done a great job this summer.

6. NEW BUSINESS

Chairman Dematto attended a presentation with Mr. Greenleaf by Milane & MacBroome representative Mike Zuba. If the firm is hired they will work on a prediction of future student enrollment for Groton schools, a figure needed for the next School Initiative. The firm gave an estimate of 6 to 10 months for the study.

7. OTHER BUSINESS**A) Status of the PSBC Roles & Responsibilities Report**

Chairman DeMatto will speak with Mayor Bond Somers regarding the PSBC Roles and Responsibilities report.

8. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. LaFrance and seconded by Mr. Russell to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 PM.