



MINUTES

Public Buildings Committee

Regular Meeting

Wednesday, June 15, 2011, 7:00 pm

John Trumbull Primary School

779 Buckingham St., Oakville, CT 06779

Present:

Robert Porter
David Demirs
Michael Magas
John Waiculonis, Secretary
Tom Walsh
Mario Mancini
Antonio Addona
Mark Guerrera
John Chipko

Others Present:

Freddie Kericha, Kaestle Boos Associates
Dave King, Kaestle Boos Associates
Karen Clancy, Business Manager
Ray Ceniccola, Facilities Manager
Attorney Paul Jessell, (arrived late)

1. Convene Regular Meeting.

Mr. Porter convened the meeting at 7:00 pm

2. Roll Call.

Mr. Porter executed a roll call.

3. Public Participation.

None

4. Minutes.

- a. Minutes Special Meeting – May 23, 2011

MOTION: made by Mr. Waiculonis, sec. by Mr. Mancini, to approve the minutes of the special meeting of May 23, 2011

DISCUSSION: None

ABSTAINED: Mr. Demirs, Mr. Magas

MOTION CARRIES (7-0-2)

b. Minutes Joint Meeting PBC/BOE – May 23, 2011

MOTION: made by Mr. Waiculonis, sec. by Mr. Mancini, to approve the minutes of the Joint meeting of BOE/PBC May 23, 2011

DISCUSSION: None

ABSTAINED: Mr. Demirs, Mr. Magas, Mr. Addona

MOTION CARRIES (6-0-3)

5. Correspondence

None

6. Old Business

A. Judson Elementary School

1. Monthly Progress Report by O & G Industries.

Mr. Porter: There is no report form O & G.

Mr. Guerrero: Is that job totally closed out now?

Mr. Porter: There's still in the hallway, the floors have to be taken out and replaced in the summer.

Mr. Guerrero: What happened there?

Mr. Porter: Moisture.

Mr. Guerrero: Are the grounds all done now?

Mr. Porter: As far as I know all the ground work is done.

Mr. Kericha: The whole project is completed. It's just warranty issues.

2. Comments by Kaestle Boos Associates.

None

3. Comments by Business Manager.

None

4. Owner's Costs.

B. Watertown High School

1. Monthly Progress Report #34, dated May, 2011, by O & G Industries (distributed at meeting).

Mr. Porter: There is no progress report for O & G.

2. Comments by Kaestle Boos Associates.

Mr. Kericha: Just wrapping up the punch list. Looks like it's the end of summer.

3. Comments by Business Manager.

None

4. Discussion and Vote on O&G application for payment #33 (to be distributed at the meeting).

Ms. Clancy: There is no invoice.

5. Owner's Costs.

C. Polk Elementary School

1. Monthly Progress Report #17 from Montagno Construction, Inc.

None

2. Comments by Kaestle Boos Associates.

Mr. Kericha: Just wrapping everything up. I think at the next meeting, he will be looking for final payment.

Mr. Porter: The items that were discussed at the Polk Dedication.

Mr. Kericha: Those two items, the display case. What we did was we secured the prices on those from the state contracts.

Mr. Porter: This was a display case that the principal wanted and the second item was a tack board.

Mr. Kericha: This is the price on the display case and they are state contracts so they can issue direct purchase orders.

Mr. Porter: The display case is \$4,815.20 and that's installed, correct. The board 4X6 is \$271.53. As Freddie mentioned they're on state contracts and they're installed. We'll add it to the agenda tonight.

3. Comments by Business Manager.

None

4. Discussion and vote on Advanced Corporate Networking, Invoice #28312, dated 5/17/11, in the amount of \$2,178.00 (attached).

Ms. Clancy: This is for two laptops.

Mr. Demirs: Who are these laptops for?

Ms. Clancy: They're for staff and principals to use around the building.

Mr. Demirs: So they're floaters?

Ms. Clancy: Yes.

MOTION: made by Mr. Mancini, sec. by Mr. Waiculonis, to pay Advanced Corporate Networking \$2,178.00

OPPOSED: None

ABSTAINED: None

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

5. Discussion and vote on Hewlett-Packard Co., Invoice #49446267, dated 5/12/11, in the amount of \$31,920.00 (attached).

Ms. Clancy: This invoice is for 30 laptops that are for a laptop cart that can be used in all the classrooms. This is part of the original approval.

MOTION: made by Mr. Waiculonis, sec. by Mr. Mancini, to pay Hewlett-Packard Co. \$31,920.00

OPPOSED: None

ABSTAINED: None

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

6. Discussion and vote on Insalco Corp., Invoice #1783, dated 5/20/11, in the amount of \$12,569.05 (attached).

Ms. Clancy: This invoice is for library furniture, chairs and tables. 36 chairs, 4 rectangular tables and 3 round tables. All part of that additional furniture.

MOTION: made by Mr. Chipko, sec. by Mr. Magas, to pay Insalco Corp \$12,569.05

OPPOSED: None

ABSTAINED: None

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

7. Discussion and vote on School Specialty, Invoice #308100920755, dated 5/23/11, in the amount of \$5,713.52 (attached).

Ms. Clancy: This is for a laminator and 17 wall maps.

MOTION: made by Mr. Mancini, sec. by Mr. Waiculonis, to pay School Specialty \$5,713.52

OPPOSED: None

ABSTAINED: None

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION: made by Mr. Magas, sec. by Mr. Demirs, to add item C8A to the Agenda

OPPOSED: None

ABSTAINED: None

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

8a. Discussion and vote on contracts furnishings in the amount of \$5,086.73, a display case installed and three tack boards installed for Polk School.

Mr. Magas: How big is it?

Mr. Porter: The display case is 20 deep, 28 wide and 82 high. How much is it?

Mr. Kericha: \$4,800.00

Mr. Magas: Is there an area that's recessed that it can go in?

Mr. Walsh: Does that include wiring for lights and everything too?

Mr. Kericha: No lights. She has light in the hallway.

Mr. Walsh: I'll do it for 3.

Mr. Porter: The price on the cabinet was \$9260.00.

Ms. Clancy: 48% discount.

Mr. Magas: The issue I have is we should have a display case, the kids work hard, and they get trophies. But this has been going on for a while. We get things thrown at us, we're kind of put in the position where it's either yes or no. Me personally, you feel guilty is you say no. We don't get a chance to see these.

MR. Porter: I understand it came up at the dedication, which is discussed a price

was asked for and it was given.

Mr. Magas: I'm not blaming anybody.

Mr. Porter: You have three options; you can table it, you can vote yes or you can vote no.

Mr. Walsh: I agree with you, it's crazy.

Mr. Magas: It seems like a lot for money for a case. People are going to say, you voted for it.

Mr. Porter: Ideally they would have come to us before, but they didn't.

Mr. Guerrero: Is there money to spend on this unit? We don't have to pull a rabbit out of a hat?

Mr. Magas: Did they get any other prices, or say here it is?

Mr. Kericha: If you go on the state contract...

Mr. Magas: This state contract stuff is ridiculous.

Mr. Kericha: When you go custom, I think it's going to cost you more.

Mr. Magas: You said it's a free standing unit though, it's not custom made.

Mr. Kericha: But you have to get a design for it.

Mr. Walsh: So you have to go through a state approved contractor, is that what it is? Is that what you're saying?

Mr. Guerrero: But to cut the contractor out of it, you go directly to the state.

Mr. Magas: Couldn't the principal say, I want a display case, here's 3 quotes that I got for you.

Ms. Clancy: Yes, absolutely.

Mr. Walsh: We've got a couple of cabinet makers right here in town, you may get it donated to you.

Mr. Porter: Here's the thing, it's the end of the school year, we're not going to put this up now.

Mr. Demirs: I think it's fair to get a few prices. That's big money.

Mr. Walsh: You've got a couple of local contractors here in town that may donate their time to build it.

Mr. Ceniccola: Just to clarify something and believe me, if it was my house, I'd feel the same way, but you have to have a design. Somebody has to design it for you, then you have to go out and bid. That's the reason why more often than not we end up going through the state, because all that work is done for us. The legal process is taken care of, the bidding process is taken care of, we don't have to worry about that. I don't have an issue about where you want to go with this.

Mr. Porter: We've got some time to consider it.

Mr. Ceniccola: I would suggest tabling it.

MOTION: made by Mr. Magas, sec. by Mr. Demirs, to table this motion for further discussion.

OPPOSED: None

ABSTAINED: None

MOTION TO TABLE ITEM 6C8a PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

8. Owner's Costs. .

Mr. Porter: Swift will no longer appear on the agenda.

Mr. Demirs: Swift if all closed out?

Mr. Porter: Not yet.

Ms. Clancy: The town hired Blum Shapiro and he is closing it out. He's been working with Lynn, getting information. It's in the process.

Mr. Demirs: The state hasn't given us any money back yet?

Ms. Clancy: They send reimbursements but they haven't given us that final payment back.

D. Heminway Park School

1. Update.

Mr. Porter: I have nothing to report. The only thing I saw in the paper is that they went out to bid on carpeting.

Mr. Guerrero: That same article said that they were building from some prints so that when they actually do the work they don't have to take walls down.

Mr. Porter: I'm in the dark.

Ms. Clancy: There's people in there everyday.

Mr. Demirs: Why are we in the dark?

Mr. Porter: Because the project was never assigned to us.

Mr. Demirs: I thought Ray Primini...

Mr. Porter: They asked us to come back with recommendations, which we did in March of 2010. Everybody got a copy of the report. We never got an acknowledgement.

Mr. Demirs: So who is overseeing it, Ray Primini?

Mr. Porter: Chuck Frigon. Planning and Zoning, Health Department, engineering was given til August 1st to get out of Depot Square Mall. My understanding is that they were given an extension to September 1st. That's all I can tell you.

Mr. Guerrero: So they pulled a permit for the work that they're doing?

E. Town Hall

None

7. New Business

None

8. Financial Reports

- a. Watertown High School
- b. Judson Elementary School
- c. Polk Elementary School

9. For Your Information.

Mr. Porter called a recess at 7:23.

MOTION made by Mr. Magas, sec. by Mr. Demirs to enter into recess at 7:23 pm.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting was in recess at 7:23 pm.

The meeting was back in session at 7:36 pm.

10. Executive Session

1. Pending Claim between Public Building Committee and Watertown Board of Education and Montagno Construction.

MOTION: made by Mr. Demirss, sec. by Mr. Walsh, to enter into executive session at 7:37 pm regarding the pending claim between Public Buildings Committee and Watertown Board of Education and Montagno Construction with the nine members of the Public Buildings Committee, Attorney Paul Jessell, Freddie Khericha and Dave King from Kaestle Boos, Ray Ceniccola, BOE Facilities Manager and Karen Clancy, BOE Business Manager.

OPPOSED: None

ABSTAINED: None

Motion Passed Unanimously

The meeting went into executive session at 7:37 pm.

The meeting came out of executive session at 7:44 pm

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

- 11. Discussion and possible action on pending claim with Montagno Construction.**

MOTION: made by Mr. Guerrero, sec. by Mr. Magas, to approve the resolution of open change orders of \$68,500.00

OPPOSED: None

ABSTAINED: None

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

12. Adjournment

MOTION: made by Mr. Demirs, sec. by Mr. Magas, to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 PM.

OPPOSED: None

ABSTAINED: None

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Porter, Chairman
Watertown Public Buildings Committee

Patricia Barber
Minutes Secretary