

PERMANENT SCHOOL FACILITIES BUILDING COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
January 9, 2013

The Permanent School Facilities Building Committee held a meeting on Wednesday, January 9, 2013 at City Hall, Conference Room B. Chairman Woods called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Committee Members Present

M. Woods, Chairman
J. Quish
R. Vitali (BOA)
R. Nunno (BOA)
C. Saley (BOE) (7:23 p.m.)
S. DiBiase (BOE)
M. Hardiman

Also Present

B. Silver, Silver Petrucelli Assoc., A/E
C. Nardone, Silver Petrucelli Assoc., A/E
J. Raucci, Bismark Construction
P. Bradbury (MPS)

Consideration of the Minutes of December 12, 2012 meeting

Ald. Nunno and Ald. Vitali made and seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the December 12, 2012 meeting, as presented.

Chairman Woods noted in the minutes that Live Oaks Elementary School was left off the list of completed schools. He stated the list of completed schools should read Orchard Hills Elementary School, Matthewson Elementary School, Pumpkin Delight Elementary School, Meadowside Elementary School, Orange Avenue Elementary School and one-half of John F. Kennedy Elementary School.

Motion carried unanimously as corrected.

Ald. Vitali commented in the wake of the Sandy Hook tragedies, this Committee needs to do its due diligence with the East Shore Middle School renovation/addition, i.e. smaller windows, less glass, ballistic glass, etc. He also suggested looking at classroom doors, possibly the location of the window in the typical doors, but keeping in mind the safety and security of the children at this point, even if it needs to go back to the Board of Alderman for additional funding.

Ald. Nunno spoke of having exterior doors in classrooms. He also spoke of number of high security measures conflicting with life safety codes now in place. He stated you have to keep in mind, there are times when you have to exit a building quickly and asked that the Committee keep an open mind as to exiting the building.

Mr. Quish asked if there are security measures that are current and relevant.

Ald. Nunno stated a symposium took place at the State on Monday where these types of discussions took place.

Mr. Silver stated they are working with several towns on their enhanced post-Sandy Hook security and continued with a lengthy explanation. He stated there are some security standards as well as a national CPTED standard (a multi-disciplinary approach to deterring criminal behavior through environmental design) that has

been practiced since the 1960's. He stated those standards were reinforced two days ago at the statewide symposium. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Quish stated the question would be is what this Committee's responsibility is or does this Committee kick it back to the Board of Education. He stated we want our buildings to be safe, but questioned where the responsibility lies. He agreed this is a prime opportunity to upgrade security, but this Committee should look to the Board of Education for direction.

Mr. Bradbury stated the conversations among the administrative staff have already begun. He stated they are reviewing security and crisis plans. He stated overall Milford is in very good shape, but that they would continue to have discussions. Discussion resumed.

Status Report RE: Elementary Schools Asbestos Abatement Project

No report.

Status Report – Joseph A. Foran High School – Phase II Lead Asbestos Abatement

Chairman Woods stated the project was accepted as closed at the December 12, 2012 meeting. He stated this item would be removed from the agenda next month.

Status Report – Joseph A. Foran High School – Additions, Renovations, Code Compliance Phases III and III-A

Mr. Silver reported the contractor is still waiting for the certificate of occupancy.

Chairman Woods asked if payment was being withheld at this time.

Mr. Silver replied yes.

Status Report – East Shore Middle School Additions/Replacements

Mr. Silver reported there has been a lot of bidding activity. He stated the bids are due to be opened tomorrow. He explained Phase II is the major renovation of the rest of the school and includes the cafeteria expansion, as well as the furniture, fixtures and equipment, which is Phase III, etc.

Mr. Nardone reported on the construction side. He explained the new electrical service with temporary feeders.

Mr. J. Raucci spoke of the temporary electrical and heating service required to feed the 1993 addition and the developing change order proposal.

Mr. Nardone explained the drawings related to the "freezeway", which provides the corridor weather protection between the existing portions of the building.

Chairman Woods asked if the service relocation is temporary or permanent.

Mr. Nardone replied it could be either way. He explained the electrical feed will need to go in at some point whether temporary or permanent. He continued with a lengthy explanation.

Mr. Saley question what size excavation machine for the media center foundations would be needed.

Mr. J. Raucci explained it is not just the machine, but forklift for the brick and building materials. He also stated they have to be cognizant of safety issues for the kids.

Mr. Nardone continued with an explanation regarding sanitary lines. He stated Bismark will need to shore up the temporary utilities in that area should the sanitary undermine them, and it will need to be approved by the Building Department.

Mr. Saley asked about exterior doors from the classrooms and how they would enhance security breach escape.

Mr. Silver stated that educators and administrators usually want fewer doors, not more, but that they were available for any rediretives. Discussion ensued regarding security and safety.

Mr. Quish stated the City should take advantage at this point while they are at the early construction stages they are with East Shore Middle School.

Chairman Woods reiterated bids for East Shore Middle School, Phase II & III would open tomorrow. He asked if the Committee was basically saying the security issue would hold up the project?

Mr. Quish stated he would be looking for some direction between now and the day they put in the funding amount for bond request.

Chairman Woods asked Mr. Quish if he was suggesting a letter be sent to the Mayor and Board of Education.

Mr. Quish replied yes. Discussion resumed. The Committee's consensus was that Chairman Woods should send a letter to the Mayor and Board of Education and Board of Aldermen Chairmen concerning enhanced school security work at the project. The architects were not instructed to do any security changes or recommendations at this time.

Mr. Silver reminded the Committee they would need to meet next week to consider the bids.

The Committee agreed the next meeting would be January 16, 2013.

Mr. J. Raucci stated they have made great strides and are moving along. He stated they are waiting for the full review permit from the Chief Building Inspector.

Status Report – Jonathan Law High School – Roof Replacement

Mr. Silver reported the cleaning above the ceiling has been completed. He stated they are waiting for some close out materials. He stated he expected this project could be closed out in February.

Mr. Quish asked if the above ceiling area had been inspected.

Mr. Bradbury replied yes and Mr. Silver advised that their architects had been back above the ceilings too.

Status Report - Joseph A. Foran High School – Roof Replacement

Mr. Silver reported the new observatory dome is in place. He stated some touch up painting needs to be done as well as the scraping and painting of the handrails and the installation of the metal skin around the observatory barrel. He stated he did not expect to close out this project until March.

Mr. Quish asked if the dome is weather tight without the skin.

Mr. Silver replied yes.

Status Report Re: Foran High School – Phase III – Lead Asbestos Abatement

Chairman Woods stated the project was accepted as closed at the December 12, 2012 meeting. He stated this item would be removed from the agenda next month.

Consideration of Payment Requisitions

Mr. Silver reminded the Committee they were not recommending final payment to Paragon Construction at this time.

Chairman Woods asked Mr. Silver if other than one Paragon Construction invoice if he could represent to the Committee that all the requisitions had been reviewed and were found to be in order and if payment was recommended at this time.

Mr. Silver responded affirmatively.

Mr. Hardiman and Ms. DiBiase made and seconded a motion to approve payment to Quality Improvements, LLC (#3) in the amount of \$37,845.34 for Joseph A. Foran High School – Partial Roof Replacement. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Hardiman and Ms. DiBiase made and seconded a motion to approve payment to Quality Improvements, LLC (#4) in the amount of \$72,746.69 for Joseph A. Foran High School – Partial Roof Replacement. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Hardiman and Ms. DiBiase made and seconded a motion to approve payment to Bismark Construction (Gen. Const) (#2) in the amount of \$345,610.00 for East Shore Middle School – Expansion and Alterations and Abatement Projects. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Hardiman and Ms. DiBiase made and seconded a motion to approve payment to Fairfield Testing Lab (#12-11-16) in the amount of \$1,131.00 for East Shore Middle School – Expansion and Alterations and Abatement Projects. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Hardiman and Ms. DiBiase made and seconded a motion to approve payment to Silver Petrucelli – Toilets (#12-2248) in the amount of \$1,320.00 for East Shore Middle School – Expansion and Alterations and Abatement Projects. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Hardiman and Ms. DiBiase made and seconded a motion to approve payment to Silver Petrucelli – CA + Env CA (#13-03) in the amount of \$6,670.37 for East Shore Middle School – Expansion and Alterations and Abatement Projects. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Hardiman and Ms. DiBiase made and seconded a motion to approve payment to Silver Petrucelli (13-04) in the amount of \$192.00 for Jonathan Law High School – Partial Roof Replacment. Motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business to discussAld. Vitali and Mr. Saleymade and seconded a motion to adjourn at 8:12 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen K. Huber
Recording Secretary