

**PERMANENT SCHOOL FACILITIES BUILDING COMMITTEE
SPECIAL MEETING
March 19, 2014**

The Permanent School Facilities Building Committee held a Special Meeting on Wednesday, March 19, 2014 at City Hall (west conference room). Chairman Woods called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Committee Members Present

M. Woods, Chairman
R. Nunno
R. Vitali (BOA)
M. Hardiman (BOA)
M. DeGrego (BOE)
C. Saley (BOE)
M. Ahrens

Also Present

B. Silver, Silver Petrucelli Assoc., A/E
J. Bradbury (MPS)
J. Richetelli (MPS)

Consideration of the Minutes of the meeting held March 13, 2014

Mr. Nunno and Mr. DeGrego made and seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the March 13, 2014 meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Status Report RE: Asbestos Abatement/Tile Replacement – Selection of Architect

Chairman Woods summarized the background of the primary issue presented at tonight's meeting. He stated on February 3, 2014, the Board of Aldermen approved a resolution designating the Committee as the project committee for the asbestos abatement/tile replacement Project. The Board of Aldermen also approved an ordinance appropriating, among other amounts, \$1,080,000 to cover "various schools asbestos abatement/tile replacement." At its meeting on February 19, 2014, based upon a request from Milford Public Schools, the Committee voted to abate Joseph A. Foran High School, John F. Kennedy Elementary School and West Shore Middle School. At the same meeting, a motion was made and seconded to approve the proposal of Silver Petrucelli dated February 19, 2014, for the A/E fees and hazardous material fees in an amount not to exceed \$33,670 at West Shore Middle School, \$33,740 at Joseph A. Foran High School and \$28,890 at John F. Kennedy Elementary School. After extensive discussion, the motion failed, as a result of which a request for qualification ("RFQ") would have to be prepared.

At its meeting on March 13, 2014, the Committee voted to reconsider the foregoing motion and thereafter voted to table that motion. Chairman Woods stated tonight's meeting was scheduled for the purpose of addressing the selection of architect issue.

Ald. Vitali and Ald. Hardiman made and seconded a motion to take said motion off the table for purposes of discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Nunno and Ald. Hardiman made and seconded a motion to approve the proposal of Silver Petrucelli dated February 19, 2014 for the A/E fees and hazardous material fees in an amount not to exceed \$33, 670 to West

Shore Middle School, \$33,740 at Joseph A. Foran High School and \$28,890 at John F. Kennedy Elementary School.

Mr. Richetelli reiterated his comments reflected in the minutes of the Committee's March 13, 2014 meeting. He stated essentially there were three reasons to approve the Silver Petrucelli proposal for the projects. The first was timing. Due to the technical complexities of the RFQ and the time table associated with the selection of an architect, there was essentially no chance the project could be completed this summer. He stated with the uncertainty related to the recommendations they expected from the Long Range Planning Committee, it was unclear if the project would be completed next year and, if so, whether the increased costs could negate the possible savings hoped for from the RFQ. Mr. Richetelli also stated Silver Petrucelli has already done extensive work at all three schools, and would have no learning curve, and would have the best chance of getting the Project completed this summer. Finally, Mr. Richetelli stated that given the relatively small size of the Project and corresponding proposed fees, it would be more appropriate to "test the waters" on the next two projects coming down the pike, namely the roof replacements at most of the schools and the major renovations at West Shore Middle School.

Mr. Saley stated that his reasons for suggesting the RFQ were to "test the waters" with regard to professional fees, possibly achieving some savings, and to promote transparency in the entire process, and that no criticism of Silver Petrucelli & Associates was intended.

Chairman Woods pointed out that based on the confirmation by Mr. Bradbury that his staff has already performed some remediation work at West Shore Middle School, Mr. Silver reduced the fees for that school to \$26,000.

Mr. Saley suggested that the Committee consider the RFQ route for West Shore Middle School, thereby creating a parallel track and opportunity for comparison.

Chairman Woods stated that the best opportunity to advance Mr. Saley's goals would be in the next projects referred to by Mr. Richetelli, particularly if the Aldermen fund the A & E fees for those projects in advance of the construction phase. This way, the Committee (and interested architects) would have assurance that there was funding in place at the end of the RFQ process to actually hire the selected architect.

Motion carried 6 yes (Woods, Nunno, Vitali, Hardiman, DeGrego, Ahrens) and 1 no (Saley).

Chairman Woods reported that based on the recommendation of bond counsel, the Mayor will request the Board of Finance and Board of Aldermen to amend the Ordinance to cover "Environmental Remediation, including asbestos, PCB's and lead dust abatement."

There being no further business to discuss, Ald. Vitali and Mr. Nunno made and seconded a motion to adjourn at 8:33 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Matthew B. Woods
Acting Secretary