

**PERMANENT SCHOOL FACILITIES BUILDING COMMITTEE  
REGULAR MEETING  
June 30, 2009**

The Permanent School Facilities Building Committee held a meeting on Tuesday, June 30, 2009 in the Conference Room B in City Hall. Chairman Woods called the meeting to order at 7:09 p.m.

Committee Members Present

M. Woods, Chairman  
Ald. R. Nunno  
J. Quish  
Ald. R. Vitali

Also Present

B. Silver, Silver Petrucelli Assoc., A/E  
P. Jorgensen  
P. Bradbury (MPS)  
M. Cummings (MPS)  
D. Hourigan, Chairman BOE

Excused: D. DeFlumeri, J. Rohrig (BOE), T. Creedon

**Consideration of the Minutes of May 14, 2009**

Ald. Vitali and Ald. Nunno made and seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the May 14, 2009 meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**Status Report –Jonathan Law High School – Phase II**

Mr. Jorgensen reported the gym translucent panels and the courtyard acid tank are not completed. He stated the contractor is waiting for school to be out to complete that work and that they are also waiting for the pump. Mr. Jorgensen went on to explain the time table. He also stated there are some minor punch-list items and that no workman is on site on a regular basis.

Chairman Woods commented this Committee was to have met several weeks ago, however, there was no quorum due to many conflicts. He stated they were able to tour the school and commented it looks good.

Mr. Jorgensen referred the Committee to page 1 of the hand out. He stated most of the work remaining is cosmetic.

He went on to explain the 100 ft of sill and the vertical brake metal needed for the gym windows (backup on p. 5).

Mr. Hourigan asked if there would be any gaps.

Mr. Jorgensen responded no. He explained how it would be fastened to the block masonry.

Mr. Silver added this is actually a change order to the existing Eastern Metal contract.

Chairman Woods explained the Committee needed approval from the State for the prior approved structural steel contract as well as approval from the Board of Aldermen to award the contract without bidding because of emergency conditions. Brief discussion followed.

Chairman Woods reported he received a copy of that bid waiver approval letter dated June 26, 2009 from Mark K. McQuillan, Commissioner of Education dated June 26, 2009 to the Superintendent of Schools, waiving the public bidding requirement. The Aldermen will consider the waiver on July 6, 2009.

Mr. Silver explained they would have been ineligible for reimbursement if they had not gone for the waiver to the State Department of Education for approval.

Ald. Nunno and Mr. Quish made and seconded a motion to approve the change order to the existing Eastern Metal work for the brake metal sill closures at the head and sill in the amount of \$3,600.00 Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Bradbury spoke as to the “Kalwall” and the work that had to be done because of the lack of supervision and coordination on this project. Discussion followed.

Ald. Nunno asked what is left to be done after the acid tank completion.

Mr. Jorgensen responded that is pretty much it except for the punch list discussed earlier.

Mr. Silver added the Committee is holding \$185,000 in retainage. Discussion continued. Mr. Silver referred the Committee to p. 1 of the handout. He explained the items on this page that were noted in “red” and explained they had been deemed “ineligible” by the State DOE.

Ald. Vitali asked about reimbursement and if it would be charged back to the contractor.

Mr. Silver explained that these ineligible items would not receive the 40% reimbursement. He stated that it is not reasonable to back charge contractors for items declared ineligible by the State as the contractors do not control the State reviews and many ineligible items are declared as part of the initial Ed Spec application or at the Plan Completion Test before the job is bid out. Discussion ensued.

### **Status Report – Foran High School – Phase II**

Mr. Bradbury reported the new gym speaker system is in and it is a huge improvement over the previous system.

Mr. Silver added that Bismark Contractors have been in the gym preparing for floor inserts and wiring.

Mr. Bradbury stated the regular brass plates have been installed and explained the prior cork installation and it is a flat finish.

Ald. Nunno commented he thought the purpose of the cork was so the wood gym floors could freely move.

Mr. Bradbury stated the cork did not work so they are going with the brass plates.

Mr. Silver stated Sullivan Flooring would be in to repair the floor boards and flooring and that the gym would be out of service for about two weeks.

Chairman Woods asked when the project would be 100% complete.

Mr. Silver responded possibly by the end of July. He stated they are waiting on the completion of the pool and heating equipment. He stated they are also recommending the close out (final payment) of the science labs. Paragon has done a good job of following through on closeout paperwork.

Mr. Hourigan asked if the windows in the media center had been completed.

Mr. Bradbury replied yes.

### **Status Report – Jonathan Law High School – Phase III**

Chairman Woods reported he spoke with Tim Yahn, President of W & M Construction, the low bidder, on June 12, 2009 and that he has been following the stories concerning the Law Phase III funding. Chairman Woods reported Mr. Yahn had stated they would honor their bid and keep it open until after the Board of Aldermen meets on July 6, 2009.

Ald. Vitali commented as to the bidding process and asked how long they would be waiting.

Chairman Woods responded it could be September. He went on to explain the process for the aldermen to forward it to bond counsel for drafting and then to the Board of Finance for approval and after Board of Finance approval it goes back to the Board of Aldermen. Chairman Woods asked if the changes in the State building code would affect the plans.

Mr. Silver explained it may affect the egress requirements from assembly spaces. Discussion ensued.

### **Status Report – Joseph A. Foran – Phase III**

Mr. Silver reported Craig Smith from the BSF notified him that he would act on the Foran plans by the end of the week and that he expected it would be approved by Friday. Mr. Silver stated he would need this Committee's decision whether or not to go out to bid for this project.

Chairman Woods asked about the impact of the new code on this project.

Mr. Silver responded it really did not apply because there was no 'assembly' type of work in the project.

Chairman Woods asked how much it would cost to go out to bid.

Mr. Silver replied it would be approximately \$15,000.

Chairman Woods stated the Committee would need to discuss the timeframe of the 120 days for holding the bids. He suggested they go out to bid in the late Fall and open the bids in December.

Mr. Quish suggested they go out to bid in December as contractors would be more likely looking for work in the winter and there might be more support for the project.

Mr. Silver pointed out there is no money in the Phase III account for bidding. He also noted in January 2010 the State statute regarding LEED Silver (energy efficient design and practices) rating goes into effect. Discuss ensued.

Chairman Woods stated it was the consensus of the Committee to wait to go out to bid on Phase III of the Foran project.

### **Status Report Re: East Shore Middle School – Portable Classrooms**

Chairman Woods asked the status of this project.

Mr. Hourigan stated the Board of Education never voted on to continue or discontinue it.

Chairman Woods explained this Committee has never failed to complete a project assigned to it by the Board of Aldermen. He stated the Committee would have to decide as a committee what to do with this project. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Quish stated he felt a letter should go the Board of Education from this Committee.

Chairman Woods stated he would send a letter to the Chairman of the Board of Education by the end of the week.

### **Consideration of Payment Requisitions**

Chairman Woods asked if the payment requisitions were in order and if they would recommend payment.

Mr. Silver responded yes. He also pointed out if the Committee accepts the Paragon requisition it is a final payment.

Mr. Quish and Ald. Nunno made and seconded a motion to approve payment to Connecticut Carpentry (#14) in the amount of \$39,814.92 for Jonathan Law Phase II – Renovations (science labs). Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Quish and Ald. Nunno made and seconded a motion to approve payment to Special Testing Lab (23093) in the amount of \$420.00 for Jonathan Law Phase II – Renovations. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Quish and Ald. Nunno made and seconded a motion to approve payment to Eastern Metals (6755) in the amount of \$12,300.00 for Jonathan Law Phase II – Renovations. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Quish and Ald. Nunno made and seconded a motion to approve payment to Paragon Construction Co. (#9) in the amount of \$27,838.15 for Foran Phase II – Renovations (Science Labs). Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Quish and Ald. Nunno made and seconded a motion to approve payment to Tone Clear Sonics (#7817) in the amount of \$5,829.60 for Foran Phase II – Renovations. Motion carried unanimously.

Ald. Vitali and Mr. Quish made and seconded a motion to adjourn at 8:13 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen K. Huber  
Recording Secretary