

**PERMANENT SCHOOL FACILITIES BUILDING COMMITTEE
SPECIAL MEETING
JULY 9, 2015**

The Permanent School Facilities Building Committee held a special meeting on Thursday, July 9, 2015 at Parsons Government Center (Conference Room C). Chairman Woods called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Committee Members Present

M. Woods, Chairman
R. Vitali (BOA)
M. Hardiman (BOA)
B. Nunno
M. Ahrens
J. Federico (BOE)

Also Present

J. Richetelli (BOE)
P. Bradbury (BOE)

Excused: M. DeGrego (BOE)

Chairman Woods stated the purpose of the special meeting was to interview the architectural firms who responded to the Request for Qualifications (RFQ #1586) for the following projects:

1. Jonathan Law High School – Hazardous Materials Abatement.
2. West Shore Middle School – Addition, Renovations, Code Compliance.
3. Harborside Middle School – Roof and Window Replacement.
4. Roof Replacement at the following schools:
 - a) Calf Pen Meadow Elementary School
 - b) John F. Kennedy Elementary School
 - c) Live Oaks Elementary School
 - d) Matthewson Elementary School
 - e) Meadowside Elementary School
 - f) Orange Avenue Elementary School
 - g) Orchard Hills Elementary School
 - h) Pumpkin Delight Elementary School

Chairman Woods welcomed George A. Wiles, Brandt J. Jobst and Mark Gendron of Wiles Architects. Chairman Woods stated he would entertain a motion to adjourn to Executive Session for the purpose interviewing Wiles Architects. He stated those going into Executive Session would be all Committee members, Mr. Richetelli and Mr. Bradbury, as well as all representatives from Wiles Architects.

Ald. Hardiman and Mr. Nunno made and seconded a motion to go into Executive Session for the reason stated above. Motion carried unanimously.

The Committee adjourned to Executive Session at 7:05 p.m.

Chairman Woods reconvened the Committee in public session at 8:00 p.m.

Chairman Woods welcomed Bill Silver, Paul Jorgensen, Stephen Wing, Donald Smith and Kenneth Sgorbati of Silver Petrucelli & Associates. Chairman Woods stated he would entertain a motion to adjourn to Executive Session for the purpose of interviewing Silver Petrucelli & Associates. He stated those going into Executive Session would be all Committee members, Mr. Richetelli and Mr. Bradbury, as well as all representatives from Silver Petrucelli & Associates.

Ald. Hardiman and Mr. Nunno made and seconded a motion to go into Executive Session for the reason stated above. Motion carried unanimously.

The Committee adjourned to Executive Session at 8:12 p.m.

Chairman Woods reconvened the Committee in public session at 9:20 p.m.

Chairman Woods stated the Committee had now completed the interviews with the five (5) architectural firms. He stated the Committee needed to select no more than two architects for the projects. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Richetelli stated the next projects after West Shore Middle School would likely be Pumpkin Delight, Calf Pen and Live Oaks, in that order, which he stated are in the Capital Improvement Plan. He explained for the West Shore Middle School project there are some rough estimates. He stated the other schools are 3-5 years down the road, so it would be hard to put numbers on them. Discussion resumed.

Mr. Ahrens asked the estimated cost for Harborside Middle School, the elementary roofs and Jonathan Law High School.

Mr. Richetelli stated the rough estimates are in the range of \$10,000,000 to \$12,000,000 in total for all the elementary schools, excluding architectural fees. He stated Law is approximately \$1,600,000 and Harborside Middle School roof and windows project is approximately \$3,500,000.

Mr. Ahrens stated he would recommend giving Antinozzi Associates the elementary roof projects, as well, as the Harborside Middle School and Jonathan Law High School projects, and Silver Petrucelli & Associates the West Shore Middle School project.

Ms. Federico commented it is not uncommon for multiple architects for this many projects.

Mr. Nunno stated he would like to see Fuller & D'Angelo awarded the roofing projects and Antinozzi & Associates the rest of the projects.

Mr. Ahrens commented regarding the point that has been raised repeatedly by Mr. Bradbury and that is "what is the Committee trying to fix" by going with another architect.

Mr. Nunno stated he was impressed with the BIM technology and that it could have been helpful on the East Shore Middle School project, possibly reducing some of the costs.. He stated had that been done at East Shore the number of change orders would have been significantly less.

Mr. Bradbury explained the East Shore Middle School project was never fully funded, therefore the project was completed in phases. He also reminded the Committee the egress problem was because the fire marshal required that the building be fully sprinklered, which created the egress construction. He also spoke of the numerous changes to the design of the originally designed building. Discussion resumed.

Ald. Vitali moved to hire Silver Petrucelli for the West Shore Middle School project and Antinozzi & Associates for the school roof projects, Harborside Middle School and Jonathan Law High School abatement. There being no second to the motion, it failed.

Mr. Ahrens stated he would suggest selecting two architects and then divide the projects.

Mr. Nunno and Ald. Hardiman made and seconded a motion to select Antinozzi & Associates for the West Shore Middle School project, as well as Harborside Middle School and Jonathan Law High School and award the elementary school roof projects to Fuller & D'Angelo.

The motion failed 2 yes (Hardiman, Nunno) and 4 no (Vitali, Ahrens, Federico, Woods).

Mr. Ahrens and Ald. Vitali made and seconded a motion to award Silver Petrucelli the West Shore Middle School project and Antinozzi & Associates the other projects, subject to satisfactory reference checks and negotiation of satisfactory contracts.

Mr. Ahrens commented he felt this gives competition to the two firms. He also pointed out Silver Petrucelli is most familiar with West Shore Middle School.

Chairman Woods stated he would support the motion.

Ms. Federico stated she agreed that Silver Petrucelli has the familiarity with West Shore Middle School and by awarding the projects to two architects it sets up a type of competition with another architectural firm.

Mr. Richetelli stated he did not see any problems with going in the direction of hiring two architects if that was the decision of the Committee.

Mr. Bradbury commented through this whole process he has yet to hear what the problem is and where the problem lies before moving forward. He stated all the architects were competent and came to the table with a lot of information. He pointed out the city has had a long standing, amicable relationship with Silver Petrucelli and that it has the ability and knowledge to make adjustments where necessary.

Ms. Federico asked if the Committee was voting on two firms without checking references.

Mr. Richetelli recommended the Committee vet the selected committees and then notify the architects.

Ald. Vitali and Ald. Hardiman made and seconded a motion to move the question. Motion carried unanimously.

On the main motion, motion carried 5 yes (Vitali, Ahrens, Federico, Woods, Hardiman) and 1 no (Nunno).

Chairman Woods asked the Committee how they wished to proceed with vetting the two firms. Discussion ensued.

By consensus of the Committee, Mr. Richetelli and Mr. Bradbury would contact all the references provided by the two architectural firms.

Chairman Woods reminded the Committee they still needed to have a meeting to conduct its regular business on the other projects.

There being no further business to discuss, Ald. Vitali and Ald. Hardiman made and seconded a motion to adjourn at 10:16 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen A. Kennedy
Recording Secretary