

**PERMANENT SCHOOL FACILITIES BUILDING COMMITTEE
SPECIAL MEETING
AUGUST 11, 2022**

The Permanent School Facilities Building Committee held a special meeting on Thursday, August 11, 2022, in the west conference room. Chairman Woods called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Committee Members Present

M. Woods, Chairman
C. Wolfe Boynton (BOE)
J. Santa Barbara
A. Fowler (BOE)
R. Vitali (BOA)
H. Mulrenan (BOA)

Also Present

J. Richetelli
E. Widofsky, Tecton Architects
(on the phone)

Absent: B. Nunno

Consideration of Minutes of Special Meeting held July 19, 2022.

Mr. Fowler and Ald. Mulrenan made and seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the special meeting held on July 19, 2022, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Pumpkin Delight Elementary School – Addition, Renovations, Upgrades
RE: Modification of Contract with Nutmeg Companies

Chairman Woods reviewed how we came to where we are today. He stated at the July 6, 2022 meeting this Committee selected the contractor for the Pumpkin Delight Elementary School project, and the next day he, along with Mr. Richetelli and Mr. Bradbury met with the Mayor regarding the shortfall. He stated they discussed the possibility of transferring funds and using \$1M from ARPA funds. He stated it was their understanding following the meeting that the Mayor would accept and sign the paperwork for the transfer. Chairman Woods referenced a July 13, 2022 memorandum. He stated at the July 19, 2022 building Committee meeting, this Committee awarded the contract with all add alternates and FF&E to Nutmeg Companies.

Mr. Richetelli stated he received an email from Mayor Blake dated August 5, 2022 that stated he had decided not to transfer the funds. He stated this Committee cannot move forward with the contract as awarded due to the lack of funding. Mr. Richetelli referenced and reviewed the handout with the numbers for the project. He suggested the Committee award the contract to Nutmeg Companies with add alternates #1A, 1B and #2, adding the Mayor has stated he would see where we are with the project and monies in December or January. Mr. Richetelli noted the Mayor did express a willingness to transfer the monies then.

Mr. Santa Barbara questioned not having the add alternates to the projects. Discussion ensued.

Ms. Wolfe Boynton stated she wished to see the project move forward in the manner it was intended and that the needs of the students are met.

Mr. Fowler echoed the comments of Ms. Wolfe Boynton, adding he just could not imagine pricing on any of the items changing and that he did not see the rationale.

Mr. Santa Barbara stated he would like to see a review of the project and the dollars sooner than December/January.

Mr. Richetelli commented it is the Mayor's purview to watch the dollars of the city. He also stated at this point he did not want to delay the start of the project any longer and that it was important the Committee award the contract with the stated add alternates. Mr. Richetelli stated he understood the Mayor being cautious and also pointed out the Board of Finance and Board of Aldermen would need to weigh in to the additional \$675,000 in funding.

Ald. Vitali commented about the size of the gymnasium that drove the project costs up.

Mr. Richetelli stated he did not wish to delay any longer and that they had come too far to look back.

Ald. Mulrenan agreed it was too late to look back. She also noted the bids came in higher than expected. She asked about the funds that were deferred or if they would be used elsewhere.

Mr. Richetelli explained the funds he is referring to are from previous bond authorizations. He suggested the Committee authorize Tecton put out a bid for FF&E in a few months. A brief discussion ensued.

Chairman Woods agreed it was time the Committee award the contract with the agreed upon add alternates, get the contract signed and the project off the ground.

Ald. Vitali referred to the August 1, 2022 Board of Aldermen meeting where conversation of funds available came up. He stated he did not feel he could vote to modify the contract at this time.

Mr. Santa Barbara and Ald. Mulrenan made and seconded a motion to award the contract to the Nutmeg Company with a base bid of \$12,978, with add alternate #1A, #1B and #2 for a total bid in the amount of \$13,876,000 for the Pumpkin Delight Elementary School – Addition, Renovation, Upgrades and to reduce the contingency to \$439,000

Ms. Wolfe Boynton asked Mr. Richetelli if this was the best fit for the school district and if he was comfortable moving forward with the possible scenario of needing \$600,000 and being in a situation that this Committee will need to reevaluate other projects to complete this project or other projects.

Mr. Richetelli stated he was comfortable moving forward and that he could not imagine those items not included in a school renovation/addition project.

Motion carried 5 yes (Woods, Boynton Wolfe, Mulrenan, Santa Barbara and Fowler) and 1 abstention (Vitali).

Consideration of Payment Requisitions (#5)

Chairman Woods asked Mr. Widofsky (via phone) if he could represent to the Committee that all the requisitions have been reviewed and found to be in order and if payment was recommended at this time.

Mr. Widofsky replied yes.

Mr. Fowler and Ald. Mulrenan made and seconded a motion to approve payment to Tecton Architects, PC (#45270) in the amount of \$35,093.78 for the Pumpkin Delight Elementary School Renovations, Alterations and Upgrades. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, Chairman Woods adjourned the meeting at 7:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen A. Kennedy
Recording Secretary