

**PERMANENT SCHOOL FACILITIES BUILDING COMMITTEE
SPECIAL MEETING
JANUARY 24, 2019**

The Permanent School Facilities Building Committee held a special meeting on Thursday, January 24, 2019 at West Shore MS, in the media center. Chairman Woods called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Committee Members Present

M. Woods, Chairman
B. Nunno
R. Vitali (BOA)
M. Ahrens
S. Firmender (BOE)

Also Present

P. Jorgensen, Silver Petrucelli
B. Silver, Silver Petrucelli
J. Richetelli (MPS)
P. Bradbury (MPS)
F. Tynes, LaRosa Building Group
P. Cavanna (MPS)
W. Healey

Absent: J. Federico (BOE), M. Hardiman (BOA)

Consideration of Minutes of Special Meeting held December 20, 2018

Ald. Vitali and Mr. Nunno made and seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the December 20, 2018 meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Status Report RE: West Shore Middle School – Addition, Renovations and Code Compliance

Chairman Woods asked Mr. Tynes if the project was still on track for completion on February 15, 2019.

Mr. Tynes replied no because of several reasons. He explained wrong sinks were ordered, there are door frames in the vestibule (#172) that have not been completed and they are still working on the punch list, which he stated is about 95% complete. He also noted the building signage went up on December 31, 2018.

Mr. Jorgensen stated there were three (3) change orders for the Committee to consider tonight. He stated the first change order was for the ceiling soffit tie in from the lower ceiling into the higher window wall.

Mr. Silver referred the Committee to p. 1 of the handout.

Mr. Jorgensen stated the amount was fair at \$768.66.

Mr. Firmender and Mr. Ahrens made and seconded a motion to approve a change order to the LaRosa Building Group contract in the amount of \$768.66 for the ceiling soffit drop in the kiln room. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Jorgensen stated the next change order was for the acoustical drop in Room 101 for the lower ducting because of the needed enclosure.

Mr. Firmender and Mr. Nunno made and seconded a motion to approve a change order to the LaRosa Building Group contract in the amount of \$206.80 for the acoustical drop in Room 101 for the lower ducting. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Jorgensen stated the final change order for consideration tonight was for the accessible lift in the band room. He explained the proposed work would be to add a lift and change the concrete ramp to concrete tiers, eliminating the existing handrail. He explained the email that was sent to all committee members that depicted the work that would be required to accomplish this. A lengthy discussion ensued.

Mr. Ahrens asked if the new tier space would be utilized.

Mr. Jorgensen stated it could be.

Mr. Silver referred the Committee to p. 15-16 of the handout for additional details.

Ald. Vitali asked how many individuals need to use the ramp during a specific period.

Mr. Nunno stated he currently has two students on crutches.

Ald. Vitali asked the time frame to get the student to the specific section of their seating. A brief discussion ensued.

Mr. Ahrens asked if the ramp is for wheelchair bound students or students temporarily on crutches.

Mr. Silver stated it is for both.

Mr. Nunno added it eliminates the handrail that has been a deterrent in his classroom.

Chairman Woods stated the cost of \$83,000 to eliminate the handrail is excessive.

Mr. Nunno stated he could potentially have more kids in the band class. Discussion resumed.

Mr. Nunno and Mr. Firmender made and seconded a motion to approve a change order to the LaRosa Building Group contract in the amount of \$83,084.93 for the accessible lift in the band room.

Chairman Woods stated he felt the cost was excessive.

Mr. Firmender asked if the monies are available.

Chairman Woods replied yes, but there are other change orders remaining that will need to be considered by this Committee.

Mr. Tynes stated to date he has outstanding **change order requests** of \$133,420.08 for work that has been completed. He stated the paperwork was sent to Silver Petrucelli in November. He continued with explanation of work that has been completed and not paid. Mr. Tynes stated there is also the art room sinks, estimated costs of the doors, lighting, ceiling.

Ald. Vitali stated the **ramp to tier** idea is conceptual and whether they should spend the additional monies. He stated the basic needs have been met.

Mr. Nunno stated there is an existing condition and that the rail presents a problem in his classroom and that the students utilize it is a pass through.

Chairman Woods stated the Committee also needs to keep in mind this project has exceeded the **SCG 5% threshold**, so this change order and other change orders moving forward are not reimbursable from the State.

Mr. Firmender stated he wanted to make sure it is accessible for future wheelchair bound students who may be band students.

Mr. Ahrens commented the current room essentially works but Mr. Nunno is looking for more. He stated it was like moving the goal posts in the middle of the game. He asked how many additional seats would be gained by removing the railing.

Mr. Nunno stated 12.

Mr. Ahrens stated **therefore** the cost would be approximately \$7,000 per seat. He stated it is a balancing act that needs to be accomplished and that this Committee has been amenable to all the requests of Mr. Nunno.

The motion failed 1 yes (Nunno) and 4 no (Woods, Vitali, Firmender, Ahrens).

Mr. Silver stated the contractor had an obligation to complete the project by August 30, 2018; therefore the Silver Petrucelli contract was for 19 months from 1/17 to 8/18. He stated essentially Silver Petrucelli have been working for free since August. He referred the Committee to the second handout and explained how the final **A/E Change order proposal requested** amount was arrived at. He stated the total hours Silver Petrucelli is requesting is 651.5 hours x \$120 for a total of \$78,189 change order to their construction contract. He stated this should take them through close out in April.

Chairman Woods asked if the amount included estimated time through February, March and April or is it a NTE.

Mr. Silver stated it could be done as a NTE and explained the process. He stated the bill has been scaled down to accommodate Silver Petrucelli's commitment to the project and the City of Milford and as its residents.

Mr. Firmender and Mr. Ahrens made and seconded a motion to approve a change order to the Silver Petrucelli contract in the amount of \$78,180 as presented in their letter dated January 22, 2019.

Mr. Ahrens commented the amount seemed fair.

Chairman Woods asked if the timeframes were fair.

Mr. Silver replied yes.

Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Woods asked about the cost of the doors.

Mr. Tynes stated he anticipated a cost of \$20-25,000. He stated it is just doors, no frames.

Chairman Woods asked about the \$133,000 plus in change orders.

Mr. Jorgensen stated before tonight's meeting there are 14 open PCO requests; two are recommended which have been approved. There are 4 that have been rejected and 3 partially recommended. There are some that may not come to this Committee and many that have to be reworked with Fred.

Consideration of Payment Requisitions

Chairman Woods asked Mr. Silver and Mr. Jorgensen if they could represent to the Committee that all the requisitions have been reviewed and were found to be in order and if payment was recommended at this time.

Mr. Silver replied yes.

Ald. Vitali and Mr. Firmender made and seconded a motion to approve payment to LaRosa Building Group, LLC (#22) in the amount of \$90,363.31 for the West Shore Middle School Expansion and Alterations. Motion carried unanimously.

Ald. Vitali and Mr. Firmender made and seconded a motion to approve payment to Materials Test Lab: Special Testing (#32741) in the amount of \$360.00 for the West Shore Middle School Expansion and Alterations. Motion carried unanimously.

Ald. Vitali and Mr. Firmender made and seconded a motion to approve payment to Materials Test Lab: Special Testing (#32809) in the amount of \$360.00 for the West Shore Middle School Expansion and Alterations. Motion carried unanimously.

Ald. Vitali and Mr. Firmender made and seconded a motion to approve payment to Commissioning: IES Engineering (#13291) in the amount of \$7,150.00 for the West Shore Middle School Expansion and Alterations. Motion carried unanimously.

Ald. Vitali and Mr. Firmender made and seconded a motion to approve payment to Moving Services: W.D. Meyer (#120-3752) in the amount of \$2,750.00 for the West Shore Middle School Expansion and Alterations. Motion carried unanimously.

(Note: Mr. Ahrens, Mr. Firmender and Ald. Vitali left at 7:42 p.m.)

Status Report RE: Security Infrastructure Upgrades

- A. Jonathan Law High School
- B. Harborside Middle School
- C. Meadowside Elementary School

- D. East Shore Middle School
- E. Calf Pen Meadow Elementary School
- F. John F. Kennedy Elementary School
- G. Live Oaks Elementary School
- H. Mathewson Elementary School
- I. Orange Avenue Elementary School
- J. Orchard Hill Elementary School
- K. Pumpkin Delight Elementary School
- L. The Academy
- M. Joseph A. Foran High School

Mr. Richetelli stated they are close to getting a State number on both jobs. He explained the State now requires enrollment statistics per school. He continued with an explanation of the funding and the new process that was recently implemented.

Chairman Woods asked if they receive the State number in the next two weeks how long it would take for an appointment.

Mr. Jorgensen stated it would be possible for the end of February. A brief discussion ensued.

Mr. Richetelli stated the next phase will be before the Board of Aldermen at their February meeting. He stated the other part of the bonding is the roof on the Jonathan Law High School new gymnasium which was done in 1991. Discussion resumed.

Chairman Woods commented a portion of the monies expended for Silver Petrucelli's additional architectural fees were caused by LaRosa's failure to complete the project on time. He stated LaRosa Building Group should be responsible for some of those monies. A brief discussion ensued regarding the potential for liquidated damages.

There being no further business to discuss, Chairman Woods adjourned the meeting at 8:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen A. Kennedy
Recording Secretary