

## **SPECIAL PROJECTS BUILDING COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Monday, January 10, 2011**

**5:30 pm**

**First Floor Conference Room**

**Independence Hall**

### **FINAL MINUTES**

Members Present: Rich Speciale, Mike Giaquinto, Jerry Keough, Al Kelly, Pam Iacono

Members Absent: Len Amato, Miriam Frank

Others Present: George Wiles, Sal Morabito, Brandt Jobst, Eileen Roxbee, Judy Ewing, Andy Brophy, John Convertito, Meredith McCormack, Doreen Herron

#### **I. Call to Order**

Chairman Rich Speciale called the meeting to order at 5:40 pm.

#### **II. Approve Minutes**

Al Kelly made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Speciale seconded the motion. Mr. Speciale made an amendment to correct the name of Meredith McCormack and to note she said that the Osborn Hill School kitchen renovation which instituted a double serving line cost \$150,000 and requested further investigation into this, not \$380,000. Mr. Kelly seconded the amendment which carried unanimously. Jerry Keough made an amendment to change Ms. Keough to Mr. Keough. Mr. Kelly seconded the amendment which carried unanimously. The main motion, as amended, carried two in favor, with two abstentions from Mike Giaquinto and Mr. Kelly.

#### **III. Update on Fire Marshall Opinion Regarding Fire Suppression**

Brand Jobst, Architect, reported that there had been a meeting with the Town's Fire Marshall regarding fire suppression. While there was nothing in the code that required such a system, the Fire Marshall highly recommends it. He said if the Committee was not planning to have the system installed in the whole building, then it should write a letter asking the Board of Education to accept the partial system.

Mr. Keough reported that he had spoken to Sal Morabito about installing a smoke detection system, rather than a fire sprinkler system, and it would cost less. Mr. Morabito said that the fire sprinkler system had been installed for property protection. There was discussion about the HVAC system and the fire panel regarding their related functions and costs.

John Convertito said he felt that most people did not understand the difference between the systems. Mr. Kelly asked if there was a sprinkler system in the annex. Mr. Morabito said yes and it was only required if the project was going to BSF. Mr. Kelly said that it makes sense to install a fire sprinkler system since ceilings will be torn down and opened up.

Other questions were raised about installation for future needs, the source of the water supply from Fern Street, the location of shut-off gear, and whether or not it could appear as an add alternate, which the committee agreed to. Architect George Wiles will notify the Turner estimators to present the system as an add alternate.

#### IV. BOE Update as Presented by Pam Iacono

Pam Iacono reported that she had met with the administration, and had observed the lunch lines at both McKinley and Osborn Hill. She said the feeling was that the proposed kitchen space and cafeteria were too big, and that two lines moved faster. The architects, at the urging of the Committee, will try to reconfigure the kitchen space for two lines with two windows, and cut the costs. Ms. Iacono also had concerns about eliminating the platform which was program space. There were some built-in tables in the cafeteria that might be able to be removed, but the cost might not be worth it. It was decided to investigate a platform that is 20' by 30'. Mr. Wiles said he will evaluate the ADA access if the platform area is also used as a classroom. Ms. Iacono reported that the administration area needs a larger space, but the plan reduces much needed storage space to have a glassed enclosure. It was suggested that book shelves be included underneath the glass partitions. There was discussion about Indoor Air Quality and the HVAC system for the gym or the classrooms. There will be HVAC in the administration area for year round use. The Committee thought that the lockers could be an add alternate. Mr. Wiles summed up the issues to be discussed with Turner.

#### V. Architect's Presentation

Mr. Wiles said he will try and meet with Turner to reconcile his budget and Turner's budget. Mr. Wiles reiterated that this is a very tight budget so it's good to have add alternates. The unknowns are with the AC and mechanical systems. Mr. Wiles said he will work on a sketch for the kitchen area.

Mr. Speciale asked about the A2 survey. George said it should be updated to include the annex for the next stage of work and to show where the utilities are coming in. The cost would be between \$7,000 and \$10,000. Mr. Speciale will contact Twig Holland about this. Mr. Wiles suggested hiring a geotechnical service to do test pits.

#### VI. Public Comment

Principal Eileen Roxbee thanked some of the Committee members who visited other schools to observe their food lines.

#### VII. New Business

Mr. Speciale gave the Committee a memo from First Selectman Ken Flatto on the Charge for the Sherman School project.

#### VIII. Adjourn

Ms. Iacono made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:32 pm. Mr. Keough seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer S. Carpenter  
Recording Secretary