

GREATER LOWELL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL

SPECIAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

May 24, 2010 – 5:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Laferriere called the meeting to order at 5:09 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Members

Present: Mr. Bahou, Mr. Laferriere, Mr. Morin, Mr. Olson, Mr. O'Neill,
Mr. Tully

Mr. Lenzi & Mr. O'Hare arrived after roll call.

Also Present: Superintendent-Director Cassin, Assistant Superintendent Mary Jo Santoro, George Garabedian, Mark Byrne, Recording Secretary

Chairman Laferriere stated the purpose of the meeting was to discuss the MSBA/energy project and the Superintendent-Elect's contract.

Mr. Garabedian reviewed the status of the RFQ development stating that it was 90% complete. He has been contacting energy consultants to assist with the energy project. Energy Engineering and Design, Inc. came highly recommended by other schools that have done similar projects. They would be paid on an hourly based rate. The Superintendent commented that he, George and Mark were hesitant on the RFQ approach because of the complexity and the different heating and cooling units than what is on the roof now, and thought MSBA was the best program for such renovations. At approx. 80% reimbursement, the school committee expressed desire to pursue the RFQ process to save the communities the assessment, use energy saving systems, and improve our ability to have additional projects addressed through MSBA. The Superintendent was unsure how long the MSBA opportunity would be available. Mr. Garabedian stated he had a call into Diane Sullivan for clarification on the process. Mr. O'Neill expressed the desire to have the RFQ out by the end of June if possible.

Discussion took place regarding the scope of the project. It was noted that the price provided by Green Power Management doesn't include air handlers or controls and all agreed the proposal must address the items that were listed in option C of an earlier listing of projects for consideration included in the handout that Mr. Garabedian provided. It was also discovered that the proposed gas fired CHP Units do not meet the New Renewable Generation Defined in CMR 225 and therefore not allowed per the TransCanada electric supply contract with the

district. The contract extends to January 2014. That would also have to be noted in the RFQ.

It was suggested that an informal session with the feeder communities should take place to keep them informed of the project status even though no money would be needed from the community if the project proceeds as an energy project rather than an MSBA project.

MOTION: by Mr. O'Neill, seconded by Mr. Olson authorizing the hiring of Energy Engineering & Design, Inc. to conduct an audit and assist with the energy performance contract RFQ to be completed as soon as possible, the end of June or beginning of July the latest.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 8 Yes

MOTION: by Mr. Tully, seconded by Mr. Lenzi to go into Executive Session for the purpose of contract negotiations relative to the Superintendent-Elect's contract.

ROLL CALL VOTE 8 Yes

MOTION: by Mr. O'Neill, seconded by Mr. Olson to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 p.m.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 8 Yes

Respectfully submitted,

James M. Cassin
Superintendent-Director