

JOINT MEETING OF THE PUBLIC BUILDING AND SITE COMMISSION WITH THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

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Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Public Building and Site Commission and Board of Education held on Wednesday, **May 14, 2014** in the Library of the Reed School, Newtown, CT

PBSC Members: Robert Mitchell (Chair), Joseph Borst, Anthony D'Angelo, Roger Letso, Pete Samoskevich, and Rick Matschke. **Absent:** Thomas Catalina, James Juliano; **Board of Education Members:** Keith Alexander, Michelle Embree Ku, David Freedman, Kathy Hamilton, John Vouros, and Laura Roche; **Also Present:** Barry Svigals, Jay Brotman, Julia McFadden and Alana Konefal from Svigals and Partners, LLC; Aaron Krueger from Consigli; GERALYN HOERAUF from Diversified Project Management; and several members of the public and press.

Mr. Mitchell called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and noted that there will be a major presentation to the Town on June 5th at the High School. Media kits will be handed out to the media.

Public Participation: Members of the public were present but did not wish to speak.

Update on Sandy Hook Elementary School

Julia McFadden from Svigals and Partners, LLC provided an update and discussed partnerships that have been developing. They are pursuing a Federal grant for security issues in schools. The grant may provide funding to underwrite security measures on the technology side, building infrastructure and possibly staffing for the school district. The grant calls for a partnership between a school entity and a research institution (in order to conduct a study of the effectiveness of security measures). UConn is on board and will work with the Town to complete the application by mid-July. They expect to hear if it's approved by September.

They have met with Carmella Amodeo (IT) to review technology concerns, as well as the Office of School Facilities, the Board of Ed and with immediate neighbors of the site. A courtyard design workshop with Sandy Hook School staff allowed discussions of ideas on how the courtyards could be developed over time. The design team is working on structural, mechanical, sustainability, lighting and storm water aspects and is researching building materials and products. The security consultant will be testing (at a testing facility in Maryland) safety glazing from a glass manufacturer in Massachusetts.

They have finalized members that will make up a School Security and Safety Design Committee (the SSIC [School Security Infrastructure Committee]) requires a committee be developed when a new school is designed. They also will be completing documentation for the Design Development Phase on June 6th. The documents will then be sent out for cost estimates. The team is working on analyzing energy initiatives and discussed the State's building standards.

At the end of the design development phase, documents will go before Newtown's Inland Wetlands and Planning and Zoning Commissions. Then the documents will go to the State to the Office of School Facilities review. Once approved, they can go out to bid with certain aspects of Phase I in the fall.

Jay Brotman came forward to explain in detail a displayed site model. He explained how the building is pushed back towards the natural forested area with courtyards opening out towards the trees. The theme is to bring the children closer to nature. They intend to do minimal excavation and encroaching on the natural environment.

Alana Konefal presented floor plans on an overhead, explaining how the environment intends to bring the outdoors in. Second floor treehouse spaces and breakout spaces provide something other than a

typical classroom environment. Mr. Matschke asked if they made provisions to gate off the cafeteria and gym areas for events occurring after hours. Ms. Konefal said there are limitations with local code requirements. Full occupancy requires two entrances and two toilet facilities. Activities that have less attendance (basketball games, etc.) do not require this and the areas could be gated off. Mr. Matschke then asked about storage. Ms. Konefal explained they are working on this.

Mr. Brotman displayed images of what the school will look like. He described the exterior of the school. Rain gardens in the front help reconnect children with the natural environment. The theme of water can be carried through the school. He said special artwork/sculpture can follow the same theme. The architects will create a framework for the courtyards that provide possibilities of expansion. Workshops can continue to come up with more ideas. John Vouros asked about the color/texture of the roof. Mr. Brotman said it would be metal and either a copper or silver color.

Ms. McFadden then did a presentation on the poetic aspects of water and how they plan to bring that expression into the school. The board members thanked everyone for their presentation.

Invoices for Payment

Mr. Mitchell discussed invoices that need to be approved for payment.

Mr. Borst moved to recommend payment of **Bestec Inc. of CT**, Invoice 006759 in the amount of **\$162,305.03**

Second by Mr. D'Angelo and unanimously carried.

Mr. Borst moved to recommend payment of **R. W. Bartley & Associates** invoice # FA1018.WA29 in the amount of **\$3,180.50**. Second by Mr. Samoskevich and unanimously carried.

Mr. Borst moved to recommend payment of **Consigli Construction Company**, Payment #7 in the amount of **\$25,242.00**. Seconded by Mr. Samoskevich and unanimously carried.

Mr. Borst moved to recommend payment of **Diversified Project Management**, Invoice #2014115 in the amount of **\$20,108.91**. The motion was seconded by Mr. Samoskevich and unanimously approved.

Mr. Borst moved to recommend payment of **Svival & Partners LLP**, Invoice #1360-07 in the amount of **\$351,025.35**, contingent upon acceptance of final documentation. The motion was seconded by Mr. Samoskevich and unanimously approved.

Mr. Borst moved to recommend payment of **Svival & Partners LLP**, Invoice #1360-08 in the amount of **\$373,652.40**, contingent upon acceptance of final documentation. The motion was seconded by Mr. D'Angelo and unanimously approved.

Geralyn Hoerauf from Diversified Project Management asked about a line item in the budget for security during the construction phase. There were discussions of whether manned security should be planned on site.

Mr. Borst then motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:19 pm. Mr. Samoskevich seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Tammy Hazen