

Sutton School Building Committee

Regular Scheduled Mtg., Wednesday, 10/3/12, 7:00 PM

Sutton Middle School and Town Hall, 3rd Floor Meeting Room

Present: W. Mead, M. Bailey, R. Raymond, T. Friend, D. Davis, R. Weaver.

Absent: G. Coulter, M. Jerz, J. Smith, T. Harrison, K. Stuart, M. Hopkins

Guests: A. Minkus (SBS), T. Alix (SBS), Jon Winikur (SBS)

V. Dubé (Flansburgh Assoc.), D. McClelland (Flansburgh Assoc.)

I. No quorum. Review and vote on minutes postponed. Meeting continued for informational purposes.

II. Finance Update:

Alan Minkus commented on the September 18 Finance Sub-Committee meeting. Some new items were presented and reviewed but, as costs had not yet been submitted, there was no vote taken. Several sections of the budget were reviewed, including some reductions.

III. Construction Update:

The construction update, dated 10/3/12, was reviewed by Tim Alix. Electronic copy accompanies these minutes.

Ted Friend commented on the rate at which the enclosure was proceeding. He also commented on the curtain walls not being in place and expressed concern that at 14 months into the construction, key portions of the structure remain open and the process appears to be dragging. Specifically, he noted the large openings in the library and cafeteria section which, if not effectively enclosed before the expected seasonal change, may delay completion of internal work.

Jon Winikur commented that there continue to be concerns with the general contractor. Tim Alix expanded on that comment by stating the SBS continues to work with TLT to develop a workable plan to complete all necessary work to allow occupancy of the Middle School facility at the April, 2013 break.

Related to the overall project, razing of the Memorial School building (the existing High School classroom facility) will be accelerated to Spring, 2013. Wendy Mead commented that the extended asbestos abatement experienced with the former Middle School – and resulting delay to construction – has prompted this change to the original sequence. Ted added that accelerating this part of the project will also reduce the operating and maintenance costs related to the old systems and allows better access to the Core Building for work to be done there.

Returning to scheduling, Tim reviewed that proposed recovery plan and stated that TLT has been asked to provide a schedule. Wendy inquired on the “drop dead date” for the requested schedule. Jon responded that it was promised by Friday, October 5.

Wendy inquired if MSBA has to approve schedule changes. Jon stated that MSBA has been informed of delays, has and will be updated on proposed schedule changes.

Responding to an inquiry on the status of the Trespa materials, Vince Dubé commented that a waiver for the backing material has been requested (this is in reference to the fascia material and backing material each having been fire rated with other materials but not in combination). Duncan McClelland added that the façade paneling will be installed in a manner that sets it off from the wall structure (to allow for water drainage behind). The fire rating and requested waiver do not relate to any fire protection requirement. Wendy inquired when the response to the request was expected. Jon responded in two weeks.

Again returning to scheduling, Wendy commented that accountability to date has been unacceptable and, unfortunately, the committee may have to consider taking legal action at some time. Ted added that the School Department is adjusting – including agreeing to earlier razing of the Memorial School – but August, 2014 remains the critical goal. He reiterated previous comments by others that TLT does not appear to have sufficient staff on site. One example of the effects of apparent insufficient staffing has been a complete lack of activity on the softball field as of the date of this meeting. Lack of action before the seasonal change could result in delayed access to the field at the completion of the project.

Jon Winikur responded that SBS approach is to continue working as a team to erase outstanding issues and claims and to establish a plan and schedule that all parties feel is achievable. With the schedule reset, the emphasis will be on sufficient staffing to maintain the schedule. Wendy required that the revised schedule be submitted to the committee no later than the November meeting.

IV. Old Business/New Business:

Next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, November 7, 2012. 7:00 PM at Town Hall.

V. Motion to adjourn made by Roger Raymond. Second by Donna Davis. Motion passed unanimously. 7:48 PM.

Ross Weaver, Recording Secretary