

Sutton School Building Committee

Regular Scheduled Mtg., Wednesday, 7/9/14, 7:00 PM

Sutton Town Hall, 3rd Floor Meeting Room

Present: W. Mead, M. Hopkins, K. Stuart, M. Bailey, D. Davis, J. Smith, T. Friend,
R. Raymond, P. Brennan, R. Weaver

Absent: M. Jerz, G. Coulter, T. Harrison

Guests: T. Alix (SBS), J. Winikur (SBS), P. Palumbo (SBS)
V. Dubé (Flansburgh Assoc.)

I. Call to Order:

Wendy Mead opened the public meeting at 7:01 PM.

II. Approval of minutes of 6-4-14 meeting: Motion by Jim Smith
2nd by Donna Davis
Vote: 7-0-3

III. Construction Update:

Phil Palumbo reviewed the current update, copy of which accompanies these minutes. At completion of the review, Tim Alix commented that the typical construction matters are occurring and being managed. Nothing new or unusual.

IV. Financial Status:

Tim Alix then reviewed the updated Contingency Status Approved Items report, copy of which accompanies these minutes. Brait Change Orders 3 & 4 have been issued since the June meeting of the Committee. Most items in these change orders related to modifications or upgrades identified prior to the construction shutdown, resolving details and payments.

Another change order is expected prior to the next meeting. In regard to this, Wendy Mead commented that the next meeting of the Finance Sub-Committee is postponed until August due to unavailability of committee members this month.

Wendy, Tim and Roger Raymond apprised the Committee of planned modifications to the south side driveway in the area of the Auditorium. Curbing will be moved to provide better access for plowing.

V. Old Business/New Business:

Mark Bailey updated the Committee on the wall murals for the Auditorium entry. Two suppliers, Stromberg Architectural Products and Blazing Editions, are being considered. A bas relief sample was received from Stromberg. An aluminum sheet-based laminated panel sample was received from Blazing Editions. A photographic sample is also expected from Blazing Editions. Appearance, quality, availability, responsiveness and cost are all factoring into the decision.

Roger Raymond next reviewed the location of athletic fields on the site – specifically the baseball field. The original site layout placed the new baseball field between the Middle School and the Elementary School, facing north. Concerns are the proximity of the two buildings to foul balls and of the existing outdoor basketball courts to long hits to center field. Interference with track and field events may also occur.

Prior to the start of construction, the former softball field adjoining the driveway to the Simonian Early Learning Center was expanded and modified to substitute as the baseball field. Roger commented that the field as served very well for that purpose and proposed keeping the baseball field at that location.

Ted Friend added that keeping the area between and north of the schools open would better serve the needs of field sports, i.e., track and field, field hockey, football and soccer. Ted said the AD and coaches agree.

Drainage upgrading is needed at the current baseball field site. That work was planned as part of the overall construction project. Expense is included in existing project budget.

Motion by Roger Raymond to not relocate the baseball field between the school building but, rather, to keep it where it is presently located in the northwest quadrant of the campus. Second by Jim Smith. Vote: 10-0-0

Next Meeting: Wednesday, August 6, 2014, 7:00 PM at the Town Hall

VI. Motion to adjourn made by Roger Raymond. Seconded by Mark Bailey. Motion passed unanimously. Adjourn 7:37 PM

Ross Weaver, Recording Secretary