

## **School Building Assistance Committee**

### **Meeting Minutes – May 16, 2013**

**Members Present:** David Dockendorf, MaryLou Osborne, Karin Chavis, Barbara Flavin, Robert DiMento, David Girard, Martha Kelleher, John Macero, Arthur Marcella, Gary Skomro, Vinny Crossman, Jim Letterie, Debi McDonald, Gerald Boyle

**Members Absent:** Jim McKenna, Tim Gordon, Gail Conlon, Tony Evangelista, Richard Lawton, Monica Ford

**Also Present:** Tina Stanislaski, HMFH, George Metzger, HMFH, MaryAnn Williams, Skanska

**Visitors:** Peter Gill, Town Council President, Dave Osborne, Citizen

David Dockendorf called the meeting to order at 6:04 P.M.

**Motion** by Karin Chavis to Approve minutes of May 2, 2013 as amended  
Second by Barbara Flavin  
Vote: Unanimous

#### **Finance:**

**Motion** by Barbara Flavin  
Second by Robert DiMento to approve three Invoices #11804-19 from Skanska, (\$1800) #997730 from HMFH Architects, (\$55405) and invoice from J. Buono Secretary (\$180) for a total of: \$57,385.00

Open for discussion

After clarification on the original contract value and the balance of monies remaining discussion was closed and vote taken on three invoices approving in total the \$57,385.00 submitted.

Vote to approve invoices:  
Unanimous

#### **Public Comment:**

Citizen Dave Osborne commented.

Peter Gill, Town Council President informed the Committee that the Town Council has waived the cost of the Building permit fees for the project resulting in an approximate \$650,000 savings to the project.

#### **Design Update and Discussion:**

John Macero reported to the SBC that when speaking with the MSBA, Carolyn Walsh, said they (MSBA) were very appreciative and thought the School Building Committee had made the right decision regarding delaying the Schematic Design submission date to allow more time for further study resulting in a targeted October 2, 2013 MSBA Board approval. Also if the committee makes any substantive changes to the plans MSBA would like to see them in advance of the Schematic Design submission.

Tina Stanislaski distributed a new set of design options reflecting the changes requested at the previous meeting for Option 3.

#### Questions/Comments from the Committee:

- Schematic Design to MSBA July 19, 2013, what happens next?
- MSBA reviews the project, comments go back and forth throughout Aug and Sept, anticipated MSBA Board approval for proposed project: October 2, 2013. (this is the end of Modular 4)
- MaryAnn Williams explained that once the MSBA approves the project it is in the hands of the community
- Are we still within the feasibility study?
- MaryAnn explained the original feasibility study agreement timeline and the schedule that we were working off of
- After the Town approves the project, how long would the project take?
- the Design team would need an 11-12 month period to complete the design
- estimated Construction is approximately 30 months with demolition, abatement and new construction
- There strategies that could reduce the overall construction duration: Geo Piers, Mid Year Move

#### Design Plans:

Tina Stanislaski presented three options to the committee (all option plans are on file)

- All three options have moved the Gymnasium and the Theater to the first level as requested by the committee
- Option Three offered administration offices on opposite sides of the building, creating a better security system before, during and after school
- Option 1 and 3 have two elevators
- Option 3 has more lobby space for displaying the Viking Longship project and trophies
- Wheel Chair seating is dispersible throughout the theatre and are accessible from any floor, for the number of students at this level the school is required to provide seating for 7 Wheel Chairs
- Separate entrances for Middle and High School students
- Drawings are done in a 1/16 inch per foot scale
- Still looking at the Mechanical Rooms for more efficiency and squaring off the building

#### Comments from Committee:

John Macero:

The accessibility from the exterior of the building to the locker rooms is desirable as well as the educational and security issues addressed in Option 3, Option 3 is his preference.

Martha Kelleher, Principal Middle School:

Likes the set up of the Administration Offices for security, access to the exterior

Vinny Crossman:

Size of the Cardiac and Strength training room look small, could we find out the exact size?

Debi McDonald:

Some concern regarding a sufficient level of lighting in the library and cafeteria.

The discussion continued as Tina handed out a Pros and Cons sheet which included four categories for comparison: facility layout, facility zoning/security issues, educational issues, and construction issues regarding all three options

Dave Dockendorf: seeing that there is no further discussion on the options that have been presented to the committee, would anyone like to make a motion to direct HMFH to move forward with any of the options?

**Motion:**

John Macero to direct HMFH to move forward with Option 3 thereby eliminating Option 1 and 2

Second: Paul Giella

Open for Discussion:

No discussion

Vote: by showing of hands

Unanimous

**Meeting Dates**

The following dates have been added to the scheduled:

May 30, 2013

July 10, 2013

Both meetings will begin at 6 P.M. at the A.T. Cummings School

**Motion** to adjourn Arthur Marcella 8:10

Second Barbara Flavin

No discussion

Vote: unanimous

Respectfully Submitted

Judi Buono, Secretary