

**REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17  
PUBLIC BUILDING COMMITTEE MEETING  
September 26, 2018**

*A meeting of the Regional School District 17 Public Building Committee was held on September 26, 2018 at Central Office.*

**Members Present:** *Tom Hogarty, Chairman; Eric Couture, Karen Perry, Sue Twachtman, Bob Braren and Joanne Nesti*

**Members Absent:** *Chip Frey, Bill Leahy and Colleen Fitzpatrick*

**Also in Attendance:** *Rob Albert, RSD 17 Facilities Department; Doug Rogers, CREC Construction Services Division; Mike Sorano, Friar Architecture; Scott Sullivan, CES; Jason Flood, Shea Electric; John Shea, Shea Electric; Dan Nelson, MJ Daly; Ken Stolting, MJ Daly;*

**Visitors:** *Eileen Blewett, RSD 17 Board of Education*

**Call to Order/Opening of Meeting:** *Mr. Hogarty called the meeting to order at 6:36 p.m.*

**Agenda Item #1 – Review of Minutes and Agenda Item #2 Review/Approve Invoices:** Both of these items were moved down in the agenda.

**Agenda Item #3 – Photovoltaic Project:** Mr. Sullivan reported to the Committee on a discrepancy in the number of “attachments” or “anchors” required to fasten the solar panel racks to the high school roof. The original design called for approximately 500 anchors. Because of the addition of two add/alternates to the original design of the solar array, the racking manufacturer, Opsun, is now placing the number needed at more than 800, a potential change order that could result in more than \$75,000 in additional costs to the project. Mr. Shea said that Opsun miscounted the original number of anchors needed, but any re-calculation or re-design of

that number could cause delays of several weeks on the project. It would also affect the already-installed electrical conduits and other aspects of the photovoltaic layout.

Mrs. Perry made a motion to approve a potential change order as described by Mr. Shea, and recommend its approval to the Board of Education. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Twachtman.

Those in favor (5)---Perry, Twachtman, Braren, Couture, Hogarty

Those opposed (1)---Nesti

**Agenda Item #4 – Boiler Project:** Mr. Nelson reported to the Committee that all six boilers are in place, but are not in service. Two temporary boilers were brought in to meet the needs of the swimming pool, but that capacity (500,000 BTUs each) is not enough to meet the heating needs of the entire building. Mr. Nelson proposed acquiring a temporary certificate of operation to put new boilers one and two into service. Other concerns involve a requirement from the Haddam Building Official regarding code for clearances of electrical panel doors as mounted on the boilers. Mr. Albert has raised concerns about safety clearances to accommodate service and maintenance work performed by District staff.

**Agenda Item #5 – Lighting Project:** This item was moved down in the agenda.

**Agenda Item #6 – Auditorium Project:** Mr. Sorano reported that Valley Communications will install a module to shut off the auditorium sound system if fire alarm is triggered, per order of Haddam Fire Marshal. It was not requested in the original design. Commissioning of the sound system is scheduled to be done on October 9<sup>th</sup>. Bridge system to stage to be installed in late December. Quote from Insalco, \$9,960.79. Friar is still obtaining quotes for the stage lift system.

**Meeting was recessed at 8:15 p.m. for Committee tour of auditorium and mechanical room.**

**Meeting resumed at 8:50 p.m.**

**Agenda Item #2 – Review/Approve Invoices:** Committee agreed to table two invoices from MJ Daly pending further review.

Mr. Rogers presented the following invoices:

----Fuss & O’Neill for \$5,336.50, which includes an overage of \$217.50 resulting from an unexpected boiler room work requirement from the State of Connecticut. Committee approved payment.

---Ehrlich Interiors, \$9,885.00 for work on auditorium stage and stairs. Committee recommended approval of payment.

Mr. Rogers presented change orders as follows:

---\$2,900, TEC Control Systems---previously discussed installation of module for shutdown of auditorium sound system in the event of a fire alarm.

Committee recommends acceptance of proposal.

---\$750.90, Mercury Electric---for sheetrock work in auditorium control booth.

Committee approves the work, pending further discussion with Mercury and Valley Communication regarding cost.

**Agenda Item #5 – Lighting Project:** There are sensors in the gymnasium light system that need to be re-calibrated so that they shut down to 50%, then to zero when not in use. Exterior light installation continues.

**Agenda Item #7 – Roof Project:** No Report

**Agenda Item #8 – Other Business:** Mrs. Perry made a motion to have the Building Committee designate her to address the Board of Education, on behalf of the Committee, to add additional items to the high school renovation project. Seconded by Mrs. Twachtman.

Those in favor: (4) Perry, Hogarty, Twachtman, Braren

Those opposed: (1) Nesti

Those abstaining: (1) Couture

**Agenda Item #1 – Review of Minutes:** No changes were made to the minutes from the September 14<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Next meeting is scheduled for October 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. at Central Office.

***Adjournment:*** Meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.