

**REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17  
PUBLIC BUILDING COMMITTEE MEETING  
April 25, 2018**

*A meeting of the Regional School District 17 Public Building Committee was held on April 25, 2018 at the Central Office Board Room.*

**Members Present:** *Tom Hogarty, Chairman; Karen Perry, Colleen Fitzpatrick, Chip Frey, Bob Braren, Bill Leahy, Eric Couture, Sue Twachtman and Joanne Nesti*

**Also in Attendance:** *Mike Distefano, RSD 17 Director of Facilities; Rob Albert, RSD 17 Facilities Department; Doug Rogers, CREC Construction Services Division; Glenn Santoro, Robinson & Cole LLP, RSD 17 Bond Counsel*

**Members Absent:** *None*

**Visitors:** *None*

**Call to Order/Opening of Meeting:** *Mr. Hogarty called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.*

**Agenda Item #1 - Discussion with Bond Counsel:** Mr. Santoro took questions from Committee members in connection with the two bond authorization resolutions put before voters in a December 2016 referendum on renovations at Haddam-Killingworth High School. One resolution approved \$8,680,000 for work including, but not limited to, roof replacement, interior/exterior lighting, boiler replacement and a photovoltaic system. The second resolution approved \$810,000 for renovations to the auditorium, including, but not limited to, seating, rigging, lighting, painting and carpeting. Mr. Santoro was asked about unspent funds that resulted from the roof replacement coming in under budget and whether those funds could be repurposed. His opinion is that those funds can be used in connection with any of the other projects that were identified as part of the \$8.68 million referendum question, i.e., boiler, solar or

interior/exterior lighting. Mr. Rogers asked if the lighting portion of the auditorium project covered in the \$810,000 question could be made part of the lighting project covered in the \$8.6 million question. Mr. Santoro said that since the language of the \$8.6 million bond resolution covers “interior/exterior lighting,” the \$8.6 million resolution could be interpreted to include all aspects of lighting in the auditorium. Mr. Santoro also recommends seeking approval from the Board of Education for any changes the Committee wishes to propose to the individual projects and dollar amounts specified in the Board’s May 16, 2017 formal appropriation of funds for the high school renovation project. Mr. Leahy recommended consultation with the Board’s Facilities Sub-Committee to seek their support in bringing additional project requests to the Board.

**Agenda Item #2 – Review of Minutes:** No additions or corrections were made to the minutes from the Committee meeting on April 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Agenda Item #3 – Review/Approve Invoices:** Mr. Rogers presented the following invoices for review:

\$3,344.00	FUSS & O’NEILL
\$6,000.00	DTC
\$897.88	CREC Reimbursement

Consensus of the Committee is to approve payment.

**Agenda Item #4 – Photovoltaic Project:** Second pre-construction review with the state on April 23rd. Approval was given for several bid packages to include add/alternates in order to allow for creation of a solar array providing the highest number of panels to provide the greatest energy saving. Project is expected to be put out to bid in early May.

**Agenda Item #Item 5 – Boiler Project:** Phase One abatement continues, as does the demolition of existing boiler number one. Contractor MJ Daly has also advised that the six boilers originally called for in the project design may not all be needed. Three or four could be

sufficient. MJ Daly and DTC will continue to review and report back to the Committee. Mr. Distefano asked that the square footage of the coverage area be accurately represented to include both the high school and the old middle school complex.

**Agenda Item #6 – Lighting Project:** Mr. Rogers reported on three bids received for the project. CREC recommends the selection of Mercury Group LLC, which was the low bidder. Mr. Rogers requested a start-of-work date prior to the end of the school year. Mr. Rogers also indicated that other auditorium lighting could be added to the project, with funding based on the discussion at this meeting with Mr. Santoro. Mercury could also be awarded that work pending further discussion with both the Committee and the Board to determine whether it is to be designated a change in scope or a change order on the existing lighting project. Consensus of the Committee is to recommend that the Board of Education award the contract to Mercury for \$239,357.84. Proposal will be presented to the Board at its next meeting on May 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Agenda Item #7 – Auditorium Project:** Various vendors will be visiting the site. Friar continues to finalize construction documents and they will be reviewed in the coming week, with scope review later in May.

**Agenda Item # 8 – Roof Project:** Work continues on repairs to penthouse flashing. There has also been some patching of small leaks in the membrane.

**Agenda Item #9 – Other Business:** No other items were brought to the Committee for discussion.

Next meeting is May 9<sup>th</sup> at the Haddam-Killingworth Middle School.

**Adjournment:** *Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.*