

**REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17
PUBLIC BUILDING COMMITTEE MEETING
April 12, 2017**

A meeting of the Regional School District 17 Public Building Committee was held on April 12, 2017 in the Central Office Board Room.

Members Present: Tom Hogarty, Chairman; Eric Couture, Karen Perry, Bill Leahy, Joanne Nesti

Also in Attendance: Rob Albert, Facilities Lead; Paul Drummey, CREC Construction Services Division; Jesse Vose, DTC Engineers

Members Absent: Sue Twachtman, Lizz Milardo, Colleen Fitzpatrick, Bob Braren

Also Absent: Mike Distefano, Director of Facilities

Call to Order/Opening of Meeting: Committee Chairman Tom Hogarty called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

The Committee received a presentation from Mr. Vose detailing the design work done by DTC for the boiler project. Mr. Vose explained the phasing process that will involve removal of one boiler while the other stays on-line; a similar process will be used for the Domestic Hot Water system. The Committee discussed the removal of the current expansion tanks and more of the existing piping as part of the project. Mr. Hogarty suggested an add/alternate to the bid documents to reflect the cost of that work. The Committee also discussed the possibility of expanding the timeline for the project in response to Mr. Vose's concern that many contractors already have their summer schedules in place and could charge a premium for taking on the HKHS work on short notice. Mr. Vose also presented an estimated budget, including Plumbing, Mechanical and Electrical work of approximately \$1.8 million.

---The Committee also discussed the lighting upgrade and the results of last month's walk-through involving five prospective contractors. No bids were received from any of the participants, and they have not responded to inquiries into why they declined to bid.

Mr. Drummey suggested three possible courses of action:

- 1) Issue a new RFP, with a lower dollar amount required on prior work; amend other pre-qualification requirements.
- 2) Solicit bids from specific firms.
- 3) Extend the lighting upgrade and transformer timeline.

The Committee plans to review the Board of Education's bidding policy before proceeding further.

---Mr. Drummey also provided additional details regarding his recent letter to the Committee on the possibility of future state reimbursement for the high school project. The Connecticut Department of Administrative Services is currently seeking legislation that would add lighting and boilers to the list of projects eligible for a 48% reimbursement. While paperwork would have to be filed by the District before June 30, 2017 to qualify, it would also result in the project timeline being extended well into 2018, with no assurance that the legislation will pass or that the Governor would sign it if it did. The Committee took no action on the information and will report to the Board of Education at its April 18th meeting.

---Mr. Drummey reminded the Committee that a walk-through for roofing contractors is scheduled for April 19th at 2:30 p.m.

---A motion was made by Ms. Perry, seconded by Mr. Couture, to authorize payment of a \$19,600 invoice submitted by Silver, Petrucelli for design work on the roof project.

Approved unanimously.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.