

Approved Meeting Minutes

Middle School Building Committee Meeting

October 27, 2014 – 8:15 am

BOE Conference Room, 3rd Floor Annex Building

5 Linsley Street, North Haven, CT

Committee Members in Attendance:

Goldie Adele Michael Brandt, Miriam Brody, Lou Coppola, Sr., Gary Johns (committee chairman), Bruce Morris, David Mikos, Joseph Porto, Michelle Spader (committee secretary), and Dyann Vissicchio (committee vice chair)

Absent: Walter Nester, Jr.

Others in Attendance: Kristine Carling, Jeff Donofrio, Phil Diana, Phil Piazza, Joe Costa, Lauren Giamundo, of Perkins Eastman, Kerry Kratz of Gilbane, and Graham Curtis of DTC

Meeting called to order by Chairman Johns at 8:15 am.

Motion to approve the October 14, 2014 meeting minutes made by Bruce Morris and seconded by Goldie Adele.

Motion unanimously passed.

Old Business: An update on the project costing was given by Kerry Kratz. They are at the final summary stage of our design estimate. The Chief estimator has received components from their mechanical estimator, electrical estimator, and all the other estimators working on the architectural, structural and civil portions of the estimate. Kratz has a meeting scheduled for later today with the chief estimator so that they can compile the numbers in order to issue them to Perkins Eastman as well as the third party estimator that they will be reconciling with. That reconciliation is scheduled to occur on Thursday, October 30. The following week the design development estimate should be ready to present to Chairman Johns.

New Business: The committee is going to get another quote for the builders risk insurance policy. Kerry Kratz from Gilbane believes we may be able to save some money on the policy.

Correspondence: None

Motion made by Bruce Morris to authorize the payment of the following invoices to Perkins Eastman:

49970.02-0-3	06/13/14	\$48,562.00
49970.02.0-4	07/18/14	\$24,000.00
49970.02.0-5	07/18/14	\$ 186.00
49970.03.0-1	07/18/14	\$40,974.10

The motion was seconded by Goldie Adele and unanimously passed.

Joe Costa and Lauren Giamundo of Perkins Eastman provided an update to the committee on some refinements made to the design. There were discussions related to some interior changes that were made after meeting with various faculty members at the middle school. The guidance department would like a dedicated area for printers, the waiting area was re-worked so students would not be seated against the window, which was felt left the students too exposed. The shower in the bathroom location in the admin area has been removed from the plans. The location of the teacher mailboxes has been moved to the faculty pantry. Off the main office there is a faculty workroom, which will also be used for storage and include a kitchenette.

Perkins Eastman met with the PE teachers and went over their needs for the fitness space. The staff does not want any of the larger lockers and asked that just the small, box lockers be installed. Each locker room will include 3 showers, with one in each of the locker rooms being handicap accessible. Two areas will be used for PE storage, with one accessed directly from the gym and the other one across the hall from the gym. There is also the desire to separate team equipment from school equipment.

The types of equipment that the fitness area would include was discussed. The committee felt strongly about ensuring the space had whatever was required in the Ed Spec, but not more, as the plan presented seemed to include an overabundance of fitness equipment. Mr. Piazza said that the additional equipment was included to provide additional curriculum options. The committee sought clarification as to whether this was the space for adaptive PE or simply a regular fitness space. Dave Mikos felt strongly that if the space was meant for adaptive PE, than there needs to be adaptive equipment that is not to be used by the general population. Mikos felt that all the proposed treadmills, elliptical, stationary bikes, etc. were more than what is necessary at the middle school level and that he had never seen a room like this in a middle school. Mr. Piazza felt strongly that anything that could get the kids in better shape should be explored. According to Kristine Carling, 1200 feet is in the Ed Spec for adaptive PE/Fitness, so we have accounted for the space. Chairman Johns suggested the committee discuss the actual equipment at a later date.

The next regular meeting of the building committee will be Monday, November 10, 2014.

There was a motion to adjourn at 9:33 am by Bruce Morris and seconded by Dyann Vissicchio. The motion unanimously passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Spader
Committee Secretary