

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Middle School Building Committee held at 8:15 AM, on Thursday, February 19, 2015 at the BOE Conference Room, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Town Hall Annex, 5 Linsley Street, North Haven, CT.

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

Members Absent: Walter Nester, Jr.

Also Present: Dr. Robert Cronin, Kristine Carling, Edward J. Swinkoski, Jeff Donofrio, Phil Diana, Joe Costa and Joe Banks of Perkins Eastman, Karrie Kratz of Gilbane, Charles Warrington of SBS.

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

**UPDATE ON OSF (Office of School Facilities) STATUS**

Mr. Johns stated that we have received a letter from the State rejecting our request for Renovate as New status. Mr. Costa said that the review process usually takes 2-3 months and that it took the State 7 months to complete their review. He said that we can either appeal their decision or go straight to the State legislature.

Mr. Donofrio said the State's system is flawed in a number of respects. He recommended that we go to the State legislature to seek "notwithstanding" legislation with regard to renovation status and he will draft the legislation.

Further discussion followed.

**PRESENTATION, DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF FINAL CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTS (PLANS AND SPECS) AND COST ESTIMATE**

Mr. Johns said that the Building Committee has to approve the final construction documents before it is presented to the Board of Education. The Board of Education will be meeting tonight and Perkins Eastman will be presenting the site plans and will walk thru the project with the Board of Education.

Ms. Kratz went over the cost estimate which is based on 90% completion of construction documents.

A lengthy discussion followed with Committee members asking questions and making comments.

Mr. Morris then moved that the Final Plans, Specifications and Cost Estimate for the North Haven Middle School Renovate as New and New Academic Addition Construction Project are hereby approved and the Superintendent of Schools, Town of North Haven and North Haven Middle School Building Committee are hereby authorized, in accordance with the C.G.S. 10-283 et seq. and the Regulations of the Department of Construction services, including Regulation 10-297-c21, to submit the Final Plans, Specifications and Cost Estimate, along with an executed form ED042, to the Office of School Facilities.

Seconded by, Mr. Adele.

VOTE: All in favor.

A Special Meeting of the Building Committee will be held on February 23, 2015 at 8:15 am.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Mr. Brandt moved to adjourn at 9:40 am, seconded by Mr. Coppola.

VOTE: All in favor.