

NHMS BUILDING COMMITTEE

May 9, 2016

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Middle School Building Committee held at 8:15 AM, Monday, May 9, 2016 at the Gilbane Field Office, 55 Bailey Road, North Haven, CT.

Members Present: Michael Brandt, Lou Coppola, Sr., Gary Johns (committee chairman), Walter Nester, Jr., David Mikos, Bruce Morris, Joseph Porto, Michelle Spader (committee secretary), Dyann Vissicchio

Members Absent: Goldie Adele, Miriam Brody

Also Present: Edward J. Swinkoski, Jeffrey M. Donofrio, Phil Piazza, Tina Tanguay, Phil Diana, Karrie Kratz and Peter Manning of Gilbane, Joe Banks of Perkins Eastman and Charles Warrington and Ed Copeland of Collier's

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

After a brief discussion of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on May 2, 2016, Mr. Morris moved their acceptance, seconded by Mr. Brandt.

VOTE: All in favor.

DISCUSSION OF FF&E BID STRATEGY

Mr. Banks discussed the various bid strategies for the FF&E. He said that some of the alternate options would be to move forward and purchase the essential furniture prior to the State's approval and risk the amount of the Town's reimbursement. The second option would be to use the existing furniture which would give us time to bid the FF&E in the late summer/early fall. A third option would be to lease the furniture and the fourth option would be to buy inexpensive furniture.

A lengthy discussion followed with Committee members asking questions and making recommendations. The Committee is not happy or satisfied with using the existing furniture; however, the Committee is not willing to jeopardize approximately \$150,000 of reimbursement from the State for these items.

A motion was then made by Mr. Nester to use the existing furniture and delay the bidding of the FF&E package until approval is received by the State. Seconded by, Mr. Mikos.

A brief discussion followed and the motion was then withdrawn by Mr. Nester.

Mr. Brandt then made a motion to approve the purchase of the furniture on state contract prior to the State's approval.

Seconded by, Mr. Coppola.

VOTE: None in favor. Motioned denied.

Mr. Morris then made a motion to procure the FF& E package through the competitive bid process once state approval is obtained.

Seconded by, Mr. Nester.

VOTE: All in favor.

Waiting to bid the furniture until the State approves the FF&E package for bidding means the Town/District will have to either rent temporary furniture or use the existing furniture.

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The Regular Meeting of the Building Committee will be held on Monday, May 16, 2016 at 8:15 am.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Mr. Coppola moved to adjourn at 9:45 am, seconded by Mr. Morris.

VOTE: All in favor.