

Trumbull High School Building Committee
MINUTES
November 12, 2008

The Vice-Chairman, Mr. Lemay called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present:

Ms. Bivona, Mr. Chmielewski, Mr. Doyle, Ms. Gottlieb, Mr. Lemay, Mr. Jenkins, Mr. Nugent, (arrived at 7:02 p.m.), Ms. Timpanelli, Mr. McCabe, and Mr. Ronnow.

Also Present:

Brian Holmes O&G Ind., George Wiles of Wiles Assoc., Greg Smolley of JCJ Architects, and John Barbarotta of AFB.

Ms. Bivona and Mr. Jenkins moved and seconded to amend the October 22, 2008 meeting minutes to read as, striking the last sentence "40,000 sf of space had been gained after the educators and administration re-looked at the program." Add in its place - "In response to a question by Mr. Lemay, Mr. Smolley indicated that the 40,000 sq ft program variance is very close to being completely addressed by school administration. The space requirements were reduced as programs were reviewed in more detail with school administration. Follow up is to be arranged with the Superintendent. Mr. Lemay asked to see these changes and encouraged the team to continue to look for more opportunities to reduce the total project size in light of the current economy and financial markets. The Committee should be seeking to keep the project cost as low as possible, preferably below budget and not accept simply hitting the original budget."

VOTE: Motion to amend was approved unanimously. Ms. Bivona and Mr. Jenkins moved and seconded to approve the October 22, 2008 meeting minutes as amended. VOTE: Motion approved unanimously.

Mr. J. Barbarotta reported that Atty. Donofrio had sent the Wiles and JCJ contracts to the first selectman today and are ready for his signature. The superintendent has developed an ad-hock group, they will meet to work on program needs, the group includes Bob Tremaglia, Kathleen Bivona, Lori King, Lucinda Timpanelli, THS Department Heads appropriate to the discussion at a particular meeting. All discussion will be reported back to this building committee. Mr. Jenkins spoke in favor of these discussions and how it would expedite the gathering of information stage of the process. Atty. Schopick questioned whether this group notices its meeting and if they keep minutes of the meeting. Atty. Schopick stated that this project is a community project; if this group has a core group established the meetings would need to be noticed. The building committee discussed whether these meetings might be considered workshops. Atty. Schopick stated further definition will be needed on this group and a decision could be made at a later date. Mr. Barbarotta reported that the Owner's Rep contract had been approved and signed. Atty. Donofrio is reviewing the contract at this time and will then be forwarded to the first selectman for signature.

Architect's Update – Like New Renovation: Mr. Wiles reported that the pool-gym area has been separated out from the designs; the designs will be available in a month. Data is being gathered at this time on the site and the program is currently being reviewed.

In response to a question from Mr. Chmielewski, Mr. Wiles reported that the State of CT would reimburse the gym/pool area at its rate as a stand-alone area. Mr. J. Barbarotta agreed and stated that it had always been reimbursable at half of the town's rate whether it was attached to the High School or not.

Mr. Smolley arrived at 7:25 p.m.

Mr. Smolley reported that the auditorium and swimming pool space would give the project its best return. A draft of the program was distributed at this meeting the building committee members for their review. Day to day management for A, B & C house(s) will still be kept, how is still to be determined by the educators, (i.e. by House Principal).

Mr. Smolley reviewed the square footage of each particular area of the plan in detail with the building committee members. The total floor area of the existing main building is 332,250 sf. The existing modular classrooms, the new main building would be an additional 20,225 sf and the natatorium would equal 26,832, bringing the new total to 383,807 from the existing sf of 336,750 sf. The project is under the allowable sf for State reimbursement by 47,150 as it is in its existing footprint with the addition space as proposed; it would bring the sf under the allowable maximum sf for State reimbursement by 93 sf.

Mr. Smolley stated that the modulares have been bought and are owned by the town of Trumbull. That space is now being considered as program. The renovation numbers are under the 300,000 sf. In response to Mr. McCabe, Mr. Smolley agreed that the new spaces planned are where they need to be to get the most LEED points as possible. Mr. Smolley stated that next summer when the High School is empty is when they would possibly plan to perform asbestos abatement.

Mr. Jenkins and Mr. Chmielewski moved and seconded to approve the Donofrio Invoice #11893 dated November 1, 2008 in the amount of \$1,813.50 for the period 09/16/08 through 10/31/08.
VOTE: Motion approved unanimously.

Mr. Jenkins stated that it was his understanding that the modulares were not going to be considered part of the program and would go away after the project was completed, Mr. Chmielewski agreed. Ms. Timpanelli questioned if there was a cost to remove the modulares. Mr. Nugent stated that the town of Trumbull would need to decide what is the best use of the modulares. Mr. Lemay agreed with Mr. Jenkins stating that in August of 2008 the modulares had not been included in the project as programmable. Mr. Smolley stated that he would take this dialogue to the administration and report back to the building committee on this matter.

In response to a question from Mr. Nugent, Mr. J. Barbarotta stated that he would look into the lifespan of the modulares and report back to the building committee on this matter.

Mr. Jenkins moved and seconded to approve the AFB Construction Management Invoice #1, representing services rendered for August 2008, Invoice #2 representing services rendered for September 2008 and Invoice #3 representing services rendered for October 2008 as a total

amount of \$8,700.00. The 3 invoices were distributed for the building committee members to review. VOTE: Motion approved unanimously.

There being no further business to discuss the THSBC adjourned by unanimous consent at 8:15 p.m.

The next scheduled THSBC meeting will be on December 10, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at the Helen Plumb Building. The January 14th and 28th 2009 THSBC meetings will take place at the Helen Plumb Building at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Margaret D. Mastroni, Clerk