

**Town of East Haven**

**School Building Committee**

**Minutes**

**Special Meeting, Tuesday, December 6, 2011**

**Lower Level Conference Room - East Haven Town Hall**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman D'Albero called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:** the following members were present:

Joseph D'Albero, Sam Giglio, Joseph Luciano, Stanley Seliga, Lewis Langella

Absent: Edward Fusco, Norman Brody, Richard Raffone

**AISO PRESENT:** Anthony Serio, Superintendent of Schools, Paul Jorgenson, Architect Silver/Petrucci

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** of November 15, 2011 - Lewis Langella moves to accept, seconded by Stanley Seliga all in favor MOTION PASSED.

**DISCUSSION OF PORTABLE CLASSROOM PROJECT:**

Mr. Jorgenson, Architect, reports that the bids were open and there was only one bidder. Secondino & Sons was the only bidder. Mr. Jorgenson anticipated one of the modular companies would be anxious to do so, and he is not sure why none of them bid on the project. A few of the bidders asked for a bid extension, but there was no need to change the bid date because there was no change in scope. The bidders expressed that they didn't have the time to prepare for the bid. One bidder stated he was concerned about the sound standards. The bid that was received is above our estimate by 12 to 14%. Also, Mr. Jorgenson reported that he received a letter from the State informing him that some of the upgrades to this project will not be reimbursable such as HVAC and other upgrades. He reported that we could restructure the bid and take out a lot of the work that would not be reimbursable, and go out to bid again.

Joseph Luciano stated a revised estimate is fine but Newtown portables will be very close to the \$625,000 budget, so it's the Committee's decision to look at this in a whole new light and think about going back to the original plan. Lew Langella stated that this Committee is not sure what path to take and needs to discuss it's options. Anthony Serio is asking for legal opinion to whether or not we are bound by that contract with Town of Newtown.

Joseph Luciano stated that he spoke to Town Attorney, Joseph Zullo who informed him that the town didn't write the check to Newtown yet.

Mr. Luciano stated that this Committee needs to give the Architect a direction. He suggested that we ask the Architect to prepare a price to modify the drawings to get us back to the original plan of 4 brand new units. Then, ask the Town to deal with the Newtown negotiations.

Joeseeph Luciano moves to not accept and waive the bid received from Secondino & Sons, seconded by Lewis Langella, all in favor, MOTION PASSED.

Joseph Luciano moves to ask Silver/Petrucelli to prepare a proposal to revise the documents for the original scope for 4 brand new portable classrooms, seconded by Sam Giglio, all in favor – MOTION PASSED.

Discussion ensued regarding asking the Board of Education to discuss contract negotiations with Mayor Maturo and the possibility of terminating the contract with the Town of Newtown. Lewis Langella moves to Table the Motion, seconded by Sam Giglio, all in favor – MOTION TABLED.

Chairman D’Albero reports that the Town of East Haven will now be reimbursed at a rate of 69.29%.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Lewis Langella moves to adjourn at 7:49pm seconded by Sam Giglio all in favor, MOTION PASSED.

Respectfuy submitted,

Carmella Cofrancesco

Clerk