

# BETHEL HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE

CLIFFORD J. HURGIN MUNICIPAL CENTER

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2007

7:00 P.M.

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## MINUTES

**PRESENT:** Chairman Gerald Roche and Vice Chairman William Slifkin.  
Members: Robert Tripi, Alex Smith, and Judy Novachek. Absent: James Lacey,  
David Norvig, John Rondano

**ALSO PRESENT:** JoAnn Michaels and Brian Lerner from Morganti Group, Mike Sorano from Friar Associates and Robert Germinaro, Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds for the Board of Education.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Gerald Roche called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** William Slifkin made a motion to approve the minutes of September 20, 2007, with Robert Tripi seconding the motion. Alex Smith abstained.

**UPDATE ON PROJECT:** JoAnn Michaels presented project update.  
(See attached).

Brian Lerner was introduced to the committee, a Morganti employee coming from the Brookfield High School project.

JoAnn also presented an updated construction schedule with Areas 3 and Areas 4 completed (see attached), and an updated budget (see attached). Questioning preconstruction figures, Chairman Roche will double check with First Selectman, Robert Burke.

Mike Sorano from Friar Associates presented an update. Mike looking into the ability to sign onto the State Contract list for the Technology portion through Frank Ventrella. Should this pose a problem we will be prepared to go out to bid. Terry Yonsky contacted Mike regarding the Auditorium and the ADA list of items to be completed. Hand rails, door clearance and thresholds. The "OCR" is mandating changes to be completed before the end of the year. These are not the responsibility of the Building Committee. Robert Tripi asked that it be made clear in the minutes that these items will not create code issues and will not affect a "C.O." when the project is done. .

In regards to the cafeteria there are a few requests from the staff, the pizza warmer is too small for the size of pizza, and there is need for a double buffet in place of the single buffet. Gerald was told by Terry Yonsky the cost to swap out

these items would be \$900.00. Mike Sorano was told by Terry Yonsky the cost would be \$900 to swap and a \$1200.00 restocking fee, plus a shipping fee. The actual figures will be investigated further, with clarification in writing. Mr. Sorano informed the committee that currently he is \$687.00 over budget for the remaining furniture. He will be working on getting that amount lessened.

**PAYMENT OF INVOICES:** William Slifkin made a motion to pay the following invoices:

NAME	DATE	INVOICE#	AMOUNT
CHERRY HILL GLASS	08/31/2007	5	\$77,865.00
CHERRY HILL GLASS	07/31/07	4	\$158,317.00
SHEPARD STEEL	09/30/07	8	\$20,359.45
SRI	09/30/07	8	\$86,222.00
MORGANTI	09/25/07	8	\$71,625.21
TEST-CON	09/26/07	4568	\$4,595.00
CHERRY HILL GLASS	09/30/07	6	\$62,700.00
TEST-CON	09/04/07	4521	\$4,862.00
EAGLE ENVIRONMENTAL	10/9/07	6158	\$3,229.79
AMODIO MOVING	10/8/07	C22855	\$738.50
FRIAR ASSOCIATES	09/30/07	29	\$18,306.00
C&H ELECTRIC	09/30/07	019317	\$303,948.70
ACOUSTICS, INC.	09/30/07	5	\$97,137.50

Motion seconded by Robert Tripi.

Discussion: Chairman Roche asked for clarification on pricing for Test-Con, Utilities, Amodio Moving, Eagle Environmental, and Best-Tech.

JoAnn to check with Ed Barrett on original pricing.

Vote taken on payment of invoices, motion unanimously approved.

**ANY AND ALL CONSIDERATION FOR ITEMS PERTAINING TO THE CONSTRUCTION/RENOVATION OF THE BETHEL HIGH SCHOOL:**

Robert Tripi made a point of stating for the record how disappointed he is that the Board of Education is not here. He was hoping to ask questions regarding the State Grant for security.

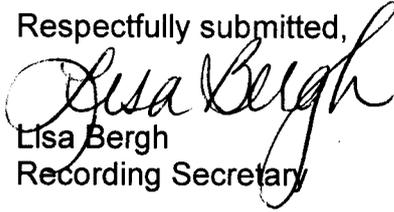
Gerald Roche wants to go on record regarding the abundance of discussion regarding the committee and the project. On Dec 14, 2006 Matt Knickerbocker introduced himself to the committee and has not been present since. Sherri Holmberg has not been here either. Knickerbocker and Holmberg have received our minutes and agendas. Pat Cosentino has been involved in every meeting. What is being said out there regarding updating the Board of Education and its members are complete untruths. In defense of our group as Chairman he wants this to be known. Judy Novachek feels we need no defense; we have made a concerted effort to keep them involved.

William Slifkin said it is very disappointing for political committees to use the project for untruths.

Motion to adjourn made by Judy Novachek, William Slifkin seconded the motion.  
Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved

Meeting adjourned 8:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lisa Bergh". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name and title.

Lisa Bergh  
Recording Secretary