

# BETHEL HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE

CLIFFORD J. HURGIN MUNICIPAL CENTER

1 SCHOOL STREET, BETHEL, CT. 06801

MEETING ROOM "A"

APRIL 10, 2008

7:00 P.M.

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## MINUTES

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

**ALSO PRESENT:** Lawrence Rosati from Morganti Group. Mike Sorano, from Friar Associates. First Selectman, Robert E. Burke.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Gerald Roche called the meeting to order at 7:05 P.M.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Robert Tripi made a motion to amend meeting minutes from 03/27/2008 to reflect actual amount of bill for MJ Daly invoice # 8, dated 01/31/08 as \$240,397.70 instead of \$24,397.70 as reported in the minutes. Motion was seconded by Judy Novachek. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved. Motion to approve amended minutes dated 03/27/2008 made by Judy Novachek, motion seconded by William Slifkin. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Pat Cosentino who was not present for this evenings meeting forwarded her approval on the gym and music rooms. Stating the kids and the faculty are thrilled with the project.

**UPDATE ON PROJECT:** Lawrence Rosati presented the project update in Robert Zaccagnino's absence. (See attached). Robert Tripi asked if there had been an approval of the HVAC system. Lawrence reported there had been a question on wiring. Discussion during the update of the project centered around the budget, where it was earlier reported that the project is dangerously close to the bottom line. Chairman Roche asked Mike Sorano for a view from his standpoint. It was made clear by Chairman Roche that repeated requests had been made in regards to an updated budget, the last update was presented in November 2007. To manage the project thoroughly weekly meetings of the Building Committee would be necessary with project updates forthcoming. It was asked of Mike Sorano when a thorough review of the budget could be anticipated, William Slifkin went on to make a motion to review all 278 "PR's" including a total budget within 2 weeks. Judy Novachek seconded the motion for discussion.

Mike Sorano stated he would need time to hear back from the contractors, that he would be in Florida and not able to contribute to the special meeting scheduled for Thursday but would be present. He stated that he and Lawrence Rosati had started reviewing. There were errors found in favor of the budget, the errors involve double billing of budget for items already covered under the actual allowances. Example: \$33,000.00 for adding on to security, \$34,000.00 for painted tables which were actually under the FF&E line item. PR 4R = \$60,000.00 should be zero. C&H Electric owes additional credits for slabs. Further review and report back is warranted. Special Meeting scheduled for next Thursday, April 17, 2008 at 7:00 P.M. Having no further discussion on the motion a vote was taken, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

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

NAME	DATE	INVOICE	AMOUNT
FRIAR ASSOCIATES	03/31/08	13	\$18,306.00
MORGANTI	03/31/08	14	\$71, 625.21

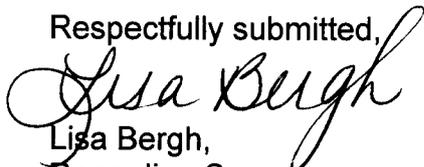
Motion was seconded by Robert Tripi. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Alex Smith brought to the attention of the committee that he had sent Chairman Roche an email looking for answers as to why the Gym had not been turned over on time; he had done this in order to provide an answer to people when asked about the project. He feels it lends more credibility to members to have accessible information. Chairman Roche stated he did not have that information to give Alex and had been asking the same questions himself. First Selectman Burke responded that the people asking the questions should go to either the Chairman of the Building Committee or the Project Manager directly. James Lacey asked if the delay in turning over the gym would affect the next phase of the project, the answer given was "No" the gym was not being used as a swing space.

A motion to adjourn was made by James Lacey, seconded by Alex Smith. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned 8:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Lisa Bergh,  
Recording Secretary