

BETHEL HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE

CLIFFORD J. HURGIN MUNICIPAL CENTER

1 SCHOOL STREET, BETHEL, CT. 06801

MEETING ROOM "A"

MAY 22, 2008

7:00 P.M.

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MINUTES

PRESENT: Vice Chairman Robert Tripi. Members: Alex Smith, and James Lacey, Judy Novachek, and David Norvig. John Rondano present at 7:31 PM. Absent: Chairman, William Slifkin.

ALSO PRESENT: The Board of Selectmen: First Selectman, Robert Burke, Paul Szatkowski, and Kevin Cleary. Wendy Smith, Recording Secretary for the Board of Selectmen. Lawrence Rosati, William May, and Robert Zaccagnino from Morganti Group. Pat Cosentino, Principal Bethel High School. Ray Folino, Eagle Environmental.

CALL TO ORDER: Vice Chairman, Robert Tripi called the meeting to order at 7:04 P.M.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Robert Tripi made a motion to accept the minutes of 05/08/08. James Lacey seconded the motion. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Pat Cosentino wanted to bring the building committee up to date regarding the administrative offices. The original plans had only 2 administrative offices designated when in actuality the need is for 3. According to Ms. Cosentino she had spoken to Gerald Roche about this. The plan is to take the designated conference room and turn it into another office space and move the conference room across the hall. She expressed the need for the television studio to be up and running when school reopens in the fall because it is part of the curriculum.

UPDATE ON PROJECT: Robert Zaccagnino presented the project update (see attached). During the update presentation Selectman, Kevin Cleary asked for clarification on the asbestos abatement in regards to the project budget. Discussed was the initial allowance of \$614,000.00 plus another \$378,000. It was announced that we are roughly \$250,000.00 over budget in relation to the asbestos abatement. Ray Folino has gone out and talked to other abatement contractors about better prices. There are 2 areas of contention, #1 The penetrations for the sprinklers Best -Tech is doing. #2 Media Center a new contractor willing to do work for 1/3 of the cost that Best-tech would do it for. According to Mr. Folino, C&D Services will be on site Tuesday. Alex Smith asked

about the problems with Best-Tech, Robert Tripi informed the committee that executive session would be required if this issue was to be discussed. Best-Tech is not providing us with industry wide pricing and because of this we have the option of seeking other contractors to do the work.

James Lacey made a motion to accept the proposal and authorize an amount not to exceed \$9,500.00 for duct work/removal of asbestos and abatement in core drilling for the sprinkler service; this includes all insurance and necessary workman's compensation. Motion seconded by David Norvig. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved. Robert Tripi questioned Ray Folino regarding his budget numbers and asked for clarification. Ray Folino explained that the contract was awarded in November of 2006. In early 2007 the State Department of Public Health redefined their definition of what "school in session" meant. The State of Connecticut Department of Public Health instituted a more conservative program requiring Eagle to reanalyze air samples. Their invoice of over \$55,000.00 for one month was a result of almost \$30,000 in analytical costs. Air samples had to be brought to New York City and results were due by 12:00PM the next day in order for school to remain in session. Much of the increased budget was due to this new requirement.

PAYMENT OF INVOICES: James Lacey made a motion to pay the following invoices:

NAME	DATE	INVOICE	AMOUNT
CT COMBUSTION	03/31/08	10411	\$12,073.40
EAGLE ENVIRONMENTAL	04/30/08	6615	\$57,504.07
TEST-CON	03/18/08	4835	\$25.00
CL&P	05/09/08	398998686	\$664.68
AMODIO MOVING	04/28/08	C23339	\$3,627.00
SCHOOL FURNISHINGS	04/30/08	2	\$946.00
MORGANTI	04/30/08	15	\$71,625.21

Motion was seconded by David Norvig. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Robert Tripi made a motion to approve more proposed change orders (see attached). These were signed off on by William Slifkin, Robert Burke and Friar Associates. Motion seconded by David Norvig.

Discussion:

Alex Smith asked if these were part of the previous change orders and if we are moving forward using the new accounting system and how many of the previous unapproved change orders are remaining. Lawrence Rosati replied that there are approximately 60 left from the past process. Judy Novachek asked for financial data to be provided. It was announced that at the next meeting Morganti would be providing an updated budget.

David Norvig asked what was remaining in the contingency. Zero was the response however there is 25% of the project remaining and there are contingencies allocated for the 25%. Vote, Motion passes Alex Smith abstained. Alex Smith asked if there were any consequences for work that gets done without prior approval. He was told that a verbal go ahead could be considered a go ahead. According to Morganti representatives the contractor does so at his own risk. As it is stated in their contracts.

Robert Tripi made a motion to approve the attached PCO'S.

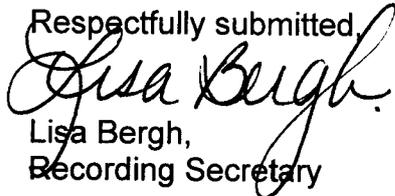
Motion was seconded by Judy Novachek. Vote taken, motion passes. Alex Smith abstained.

Alex Smith asked if there was a plan if we were to go over budget. Robert Tripi stated we will not go over budget, the building committee has a good enough grasp on the situation. Judy Novachek asked about a plan to move back into the school. Pat Cosentino stated she is focusing on getting the school closed but knows it will be difficult in the fall.

Motion to adjourn made by Judy Novachek seconded by David Norvig.
Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM

Respectfully submitted,

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

Lisa Bergh,
Recording Secretary