Concord School District Committee Minutes

School Board Committee: Joint Facilities/Finance Committee

Date: April 7, 2008

Committee Members Present: Martin Honigberg, Chair/Facilities, Betty Hoadley, Chair/Finance, Megan DeVorsey, Renwick Wilkes, Christopher Casko

Other School Board Members Present: Kass Ardinger, Jenny Patterson

Administrators: Rob Prohl, Michele Croteau, Peter Johnson

Other: Beth Greenblatt, Beacon Services

Business Administrator Michele Croteau outlined that the agenda which was to consider two proposed change orders to the Noresco project. Beth Greenblatt of Beacon Services explained the rationale for the first change order which was to install new natural gas, domestic hot water systems in the Beaver Meadow School boiler room to replace the existing oil fired system. Ms. Greenblatt explained the advantages of making this change given (1) the age of the current system, (2) the recent failure of one of the two oil-fired water heaters serving the school, and (3) a possible code issue concerning the use of the other oil-fired heater. In addition, Ms. Croteau noted that this expense is eligible for 40% building aid reimbursement from the Department of Education.

The second change order for consideration was to install two high efficiency water pumps in the Beaver Meadow School boiler room to replace the 1986 pumps. The rationale for the change was the age of the current pumps and the 40% building aid reimbursement. Peter Johnson also noted that there would be a benefit to having all of the work done at once, including the reconfiguration of the boiler room, which will make ongoing maintenance easier for the District’s employees.

Ms. Greenblatt and Ms. Croteau also went through the financing of the Noresco work. There is money available from the amounts borrowed to finance the work to pay for the two change orders.

The Committees voted 5-0 to recommend to the Board the two change orders at the combined costs of $29,405.90.

Ms. Greenblatt explained two anticipated change orders that she expects will be presented at a future time; one change order involves wall and ceiling joint insulation at Beaver Meadow School, and the other change order involves additional weather stripping to the doors at Concord High School that were not included in the original energy audit. No action was taken.

Ms. Greenblatt noted that even with the approval of the two change orders during this meeting, the project has excess funds that are still available if needed.

Martin Honigberg, Chair, Facilities
Betty Hoadley, Chair Finance
Rob Prohl, Recorder
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