

**FACILITIES COMMITTEE  
EAST HARTFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**MONDAY,  
APRIL 27, 2009**

A meeting of the Board of Education Facilities Committee was held on Monday, April 27, 2009, at the East Hartford Board of Education Administration Offices, 1110 Main Street, East Hartford, CT. The meeting was called to order at 7:02 P.M. by Chairman Robert Damaschi.

**PRESENT** Robert Damaschi, Chairman, Facilities Committee  
Anita Morrison, Facilities Committee Member & BOE Member  
Karen Howe, Facilities Committee Member & BOE Member  
Marcus Oladell, IV, BOE Member

**ALSO PRESENT** Al Costa, Director of Facilities  
Daniel DePietro, Chairman, PBC  
Richard Domler, Jr., Vice Chairman, PBC  
Valentine Povinelli, Jr., Public Building Commission  
Rich Kehoe, Chairman, Town Council  
Pat Harmon, Member, Town Council  
John R. Victorick, J Associates, Architects

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION** By Anita Morrison  
Seconded by Karen Howe  
To approve the following Minutes:  
meeting of March 17, 2009  
Motion unanimously carried.

**Review Final Plans and Specifications for Goodwin and O'Connell School**

Mr. Costa gave background information to the Committee on the Goodwin and O'Connell Schools roof replacement project. He stated the firm of J Associates, Architects, has been doing a yeoman's job to get the project design completed to this level.

After the last meeting of the Committee, it was the consensus of the Committee to out to bid for trussed roofs and BUR systems. After meeting, we provided the building officials with plans and the EDO42 which is the State Department of Education local sign-off form. Our first challenge was at the local Engineering Department level where additional engineering comments delayed us from going to P&Z on April 8th. In terms of the local Building officials, we did get approval from the Fire Marshal's office and Health Department on the EDO42 sign-off, however the Building Department informed us that within a section of the building code it was their interpretation, that because combustible truss materials would be placed on the building, that it would require the construction of interior fire walls within the interior of building. Because this was a different interpretation than with past projects, we contacted the State Building Inspector's Department and learned their interpretation was not the same. After further discussion with the local Building Official and based on the interpretation of the code, we will be required to use fire retardant trusses or metal trusses within the truss roof design option.

Due to the delays in obtaining local plan approval, and now knowing what will have to be installed as it relates to the trusses, regrettably we cannot begin this project this summer.

J Associates has continued to work to finish the final design of both options and he has put together new numbers for fire retardant trusses as well as and metal trusses. Mr. Costa has suggested to keep moving forward to finalize the design both ways and get through the approval process in the next two months and put the roofs out to bid by the end of the calendar year. This should also allow us to benefit from the school construction stimulus funds by that time, if we need to use them for either of these projects.

Mr. Victorick stated if we opt to go with fire retardant trusses, we will have to treat all of the wood, catwalk, decking, etc. Any metal would have to be galvanized. This will increase costs by 20 percent.

Mr. Kehoe asked why the State ruled differently. Mr. Victorick stated the Town is saying the existing building materials are non-combustible. Since we last spoke with the Town Building Official, her interpretation is that we will not have to construct interior fire separation walls to the existing building – this particular problem will be resolved with the use of fire retardant trusses or metal trusses.

In summary, Mr. Costa recommended the following, (1) to continue to proceed with both designs as discussed on February 17; (2) proceed to Planning & Zoning on May 13; (3) in the next month or two, get all local approvals, (4) go out to bid in December and secure contractor by January.

Messrs. Povinelli and Kehoe asked Mr. Costa to clarify the bond dollars available. Ms. Morrison asked Mr. Costa to find out exactly what the State reimbursement amount would be.

**MOTION**

By Anita Morrison

Seconded by Karen Howe

To allow J Associates to continue with design with fire retardant trusses as well as the second option of built-up roof for both O'Connell and Goodwin schools. All wood has to be fire retardant.

Motion unanimously carried.

**Review Colby Road and Long Hill Proposed Drainage Swale for Future Development**

Mr. Costa reviewed with the Committee future development in the area of Colby Road and Long Hill Street. The proposed property is near Langford School and the developer is seeking approval which involves a proposed 14' wide grass swale to allow for drainage and collection of any other materials. Of concern is the fact that the Board/Town will have to maintain this area.

It was the consensus of the Committee to walk the property.

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**OLD BUSINESS** - None

**NEW BUSINESS** - None

**MOTION**

By Karen Howe

Seconded by Anita Morrison

To adjourn the Facilities Committee meeting (8:10 P.M.)

Motion unanimously carried.

Recorded by:

Donna Fitzgerald