

**FACILITIES COMMITTEE
EAST HARTFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**TUESDAY,
MAY 12, 2009**

A meeting of the Board of Education Facilities Committee was held on Tuesday, May 12, 2009, at the East Hartford Board of Education Administration Offices, 1110 Main Street, East Hartford, CT. The meeting was called to order at 6:15 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

ALSO PRESENT Al Costa, Director of Facilities

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION By Karen Howe
Seconded by Anita Morrison
To approve the following Minutes:
meeting of April 27, 2009
Motion unanimously carried.

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

The Committee walked the property of the above-mentioned site. Mr. Costa reviewed with the Committee a response received from the builder/developer and Town engineer. It stated (a) an underground retention system would be too costly and more expensive to maintain; (b) re: open swale vs. piped drain option – the developer and Town engineer agreed that the open swale would function better. Mr. Costa stated this would have some grading issues. Berm would interrupt the drainage pattern and require a counter-measure – a swale parallel to the east of the proposed berm. Moreover, Safety issues are of concern.

MOTION By Karen Howe
Seconded by Anita Morrison
To forward to the full Board the proposal presented for discussion purposes. The Committee is not recommending approval of either option because of hardships that would create issues of safety as well as maintenance of the property.
Motion unanimously carried.

Bid #1629-09- Fire Sprinkler Inspections & Services

MOTION By Karen Howe
Seconded by Anita Morrison
To award three-year contract to Hartford Sprinkler Company for a total cost of \$16,500, and forward to the full Board for its approval.
Motion unanimously carried.

Quarterly testing is a requirement of the NFPA 113A.

Bid #1630 – Integrated Pest Management

MOTION By Anita Morrison
Seconded by Karen Howe
To award three-year contract to Richland Pest Control for a total cost of \$24,000,
and forward to the full Board for its approval.
Motion unanimously carried.

Bid #1631-09 – Treated Mops

MOTION By Karen Howe
Seconded by Anita Morrison
To award three-year contract to G&K Services for a total cost of \$22,311, and
forward to the full Board for its approval.
Motion unanimously carried.

GK Services, formerly Mechanics Uniforms of East Hartford, is now located in Waterbury. They have serviced East Hartford in the past and have good references.

OLD BUSINESS

Discussion took place regarding the condition and solutions of the softball field at EHHS. Mr. Costa noted the condition of the field remains an ongoing problem. Bids have been received for track replacement. Mr. Costa has had conversations with Mr. Caruso at EHHS. Ms. Howe stated this should be a shared services agreement with the Town's Parks & Recreation Department, as it is being used by them for other than school activities.

NEW BUSINESS – None

The Facilities Committee is tentatively planning to meet on Tuesday, May 19, 5:30 P.M to review bids for boilers and track replacement. Mr. Costa will confirm date with the Superintendent's Office.

MOTION By Anita Morrison
Seconded by Karen Howe
To adjourn the Facilities Committee meeting (7:00 P.M.)
Motion unanimously carried.

Recorded by:
Donna Fitzgerald