

**FACILITIES COMMITTEE
EAST HARTFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**WEDNESDAY,
FEBRUARY 24, 2010**

A Facilities Committee was held on Wednesday, February 24, 2010 at the East Hartford Board of Education Administration Offices, 1110 Main Street, East Hartford, CT. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 P.M. by Chairman Bryan Hall.

PRESENT Bryan Hall, Facilities Committee Chairman
Jeffrey Currey, Member, Facilities Committee
Anita Morrison, Member, Facilities Committee
Marcus Oladell, IV, Board Member
Ram Aberasturia, Board Member
Robert Damaschi, Board Member
Chairperson, BOE, Mary Alice Dwyer-Hughes

ALSO PRESENT Al Costa, Director of Facilities
Daniel DePietro, Chairman, Public Building Commission
Richard Domler, Jr., Member, Public Building Commission
Travis Justin Simpson, Member, Public Building Commission
Susan Skowronek, Member, Public Building Commission
Richard Kehoe, Chairman, Town Council, Member, Public Building Commission
John R. Victorick, J Associates, Architects

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION By Anita Morrison
Seconded by Jeffrey Currey
To approve the Minutes of February 22, 2010, as corrected:
Page 2: Motion to adjourn meeting of February 22nd was seconded by
Jeffrey Currey, not Ram Aberasturia.
Motion unanimously carried.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - None

GOODWIN AND O'CONNELL SCHOOL ROOF REPLACEMENT PROJECTS

Mr. Costa noted that the application for a roof pitch waiver to the State Department of Education for the built-up roof design option was rejected. They State Department Education felt we did not have a hardship for designing a ¼" pitch in lieu of a ½" pitch, further stating no significant structural changes needed to be made to the existing buildings to build the ½" design. Mr. Costa reminded the committee there was no cost benefit in going with the ½" pitch design as the Truss Roof design was almost equal in cost and at twice the life expectancy. Further, he and Mr. Victorick, project architect informed the committee that the East Hartford Building Department has one outstanding item in their plan review. Specifically, the area (size) of the building does not have fire walls in the existing corridors. The Building Official has raised the question of if Fire Walls are in fact required due to the roof project. It is our position that we are not altering or affecting the existing space below the new attic. Therefore, we believe the code specifically states that we do not need to comply with the current area requirements for that existing space. Mr. Victorick believes we have designed the roofing project correctly and noted the roof structure is all code compliant. We will be meeting with the Building Official again to discuss this matter. Mr. Costa stated that if fire walls will be required in the hallways it will change this project from a roof project to a code project. A re-application to the State Department of Education would be required as well as a re-authorization by the Town Council and possibly the voters seeing the scope of the project would be changed.

Mr. Simpson, PBC member, believes there is a significant problem in the Building Department. He agreed with the architect and a roof project should not trigger any code work inside the existing building. He expressed frustration that the Building Department has created an impact on development and that is why many businesses are not interested in East Hartford.

Mr. Costa recommended that the Committee approve the final plans for a truss roof project and forward to the Board for its approval at their March 1st meeting. Once the matter raised by the Building Department is concluded we will take action as appropriate. If it is determined the fire walls are not required we will submit plans along with the proper forms to the State Department of Education. Under that scenario we would expect construction bids to be received by April 5th, and then reviewed by Facilities and PBC. Hopefully, construction could begin by mid-June and completed over the summer.

MOTION By Anita Morrison
Seconded by Jeffrey Currey
To approve final plans for the Goodwin and O'Connell schools roof replacement projects.
Motion unanimously carried.

MOTION By Anita Morrison
Seconded by Jeffrey Currey
To forward approved plans for the Goodwin and O'Connell schools roof replacement projects to the full Board for its approval on March 1, 2010
Motion unanimously carried.

CAPITAL PROJECTS FOR REVIEW

Langford Roof Top Units – six roof top units \$250,000 – Mr. Costa noted this project can be done under Johnson Controls contract.

MOTION

By Anita Morrison

Seconded by Jeffrey Currey

To approve the six roof top units for a cost of \$250,000 and forward to the full Board at its March 1, 2010 Regular Meeting.

Motion unanimously carried.

Mr. Costa noted this work could be done over the summer.

Mayberry Roof Re-Shingle

This item will be discussed at the March 10, 2010 Facilities Committee meeting. Mary Alice Dwyer Hughes, Chairperson, Board of Education, stated she would like to put solar panels on the roofs. Mr. Costa stated he will develop an RFP for all buildings to explore PV panels. This will be a starting point. He further noted he will then take it to the State to find out what reimbursement amount is available.

Sunset Ridge Outdoor Basketball Courts

Mr. Costa stated he will develop drawings and put this out to bid at an estimated cost of \$40,000. He will come back to the Facilities Committee in April.

EHMS Exterior Painting & Window Frame Repair

This item will be further discussed.

Fleet & Other Equipment

These items will be discussed at the March 10, 2010 Facilities Committee meeting.

Custodial Equipment Requests

These items will be discussed at the March 10, 2010 Facilities Committee meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Currey referred to the Trash to Energy Technology, previously discussed at a Facilities Committee meeting. Mr. Costa stated we presently pay over \$100,000 for trash removal. This item will be placed on the March 10, 2010 for discussion.

Mr. Aberasturia thanked the Facilities Department for the weeding of the baseball field at EHHS.

Mr. Costa will be looking at additional options for the EHHS traffic study. Chairperson Bryan Hall stated he would like a plan in place before the end of the school year.

NEW BUSINESS - None

MOTION

By Jeffrey Currey

Seconded by Anita Morrison

To adjourn the meeting of the Facilities Committee (7:35 P.M.)

Motion unanimously carried.

Recorded by:

Donna Fitzgerald