

**FACILITIES COMMITTEE
EAST HARTFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**WEDNESDAY,
MARCH 10, 2010**

A Facilities Committee was held on Wednesday, March 10, 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
Ram Aberasturia, Board Member
Robert Damaschi, Board Member

ALSO PRESENT Al Costa, Director of Facilities

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION By Anita Morrison
Seconded by Jeffrey Currey
To approve the Minutes of February 24, 2010
Motion unanimously carried.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - None

UPDATE - GOODWIN AND O'CONNELL SCHOOL ROOF REPLACEMENT PROJECTS

Chairperson Bryan Hall thanked Mr. Costa for working with the Building Inspector to successfully resolve the concerns/interpretation of the area in question regarding the school roof replacements.

Mr. Costa stated our goal now is to bring this to the Board at its March 15th meeting for approval of the final plans and specs. He will then go the State for its approval. State approval is anticipated by March 17th. Bids for construction will then go out with a bid opening on April 9th. On April 14th, the Facilities Committee would review bid recommendations. Bids will then be forwarded to the Board for its approval at its April 19th meeting. Contract award, contract signing and permit applications would be submitted by the contractor. Trusses fabrication is estimated at about 10 weeks with materials on site by June 22nd. Construction would be substantially completed by August 30, 2010. Mr. Costa will speak with Assistant Superintendent Debbie Kaprove to see if summer school will be held at either school. If so, summer school location will have to be changed, due to construction. Any unused funds for this project will be held, but must be used within a two-year period.

Mayberry Roof Re-Shingle

Mr. Costa noted his budget is \$150,000 to re-shingle Mayberry School's roof. Mr. Costa provided bids that have come in for this project, with the apparent low bid at \$88,227. There was a discussion on several bids that had discrepancies in amounts but those were from the higher bidders. Price variations between bids were discussed and Mr. Costa explained several reasons that may be the case, however not due to any omission in the specifications. Mr. Costa will bring this item back to the Facilities Committee meeting on April 14th for further discussion and consideration.

In response to Board Chairperson Mary Alice Dwyer Hughes' suggestion regarding using solar panels on roofs, Mr. Costa noted he is planning to develop and RFP to have a consultant assess the viability and cost of solar panels on rooftops.

EHHS Football Field Study

Mr. Costa provided the Committee with several options to consider for the EHHS football field study. After much discussion of the presented options, it was decided that Mr. Costa will contact the Director of Development for the Town to obtain the contact with the United Football League regarding a joint effort for the maintenance of the field, should we elect to pursue this.

Procurement Policy and Use of State Contracts, Consortiums

This subject surfaced relative to the purchase of certain equipment proposed to be purchased by the Facilities Department. This policy will be brought before the Policy & Audit Committee for clarification.

Waste to Energy Solutions

Mr. Costa researched a waste-to-energy system known as 1ST Energy's GEM 3T-120 waste-to-energy system. The Committee viewed a video clip of the proto-type machine currently being developed. The estimated cost would cost approximately \$950,000. With substantial savings in electricity and the ability to eliminate the refuse removal costs. The detailed report was for the Committee's information at this time.

OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS - None

MOTION

By Jeffrey Currey
Seconded by Anita Morrison
To adjourn the meeting of the Facilities Committee (6:40 P.M.)
Motion unanimously carried.

Recorded by:
Donna Fitzgerald