

## Building & Grounds Committee

### Minutes

August 16, 2012

Meeting began at 6:55 PM and ended approx. 7:30 PM

Board Committee Members and Architects in attendance: Dan Engen (VEBH), Tom Durkin (VEBH), Jerry Wessel, John Salopek, Rich Oswald, Bob Clendennen, Don Inman, Chad Calabria, Paul May, Jamie Fitzgerald, Michelle Miller

Audience Members in attendance: Barb Brown, JaneAnn Fucci, Mr. Kaszer, Perry Pander, Colleen Barley, Jan Perza, Jodi Weister, Ron Stidmon, Matt Young, Mrs. Goehring

#### 1. MIDDLE SCHOOL

- a. Final change orders on Board agenda were discussed.

(6.2) Approval is recommended for a Change Order for the Highland Middle School Project, to Yarborough Development to provide structural steel framing in Areas B and D2 to replace existing columns that are required to be removed, for the additional cost of \$17,583, per Yarborough Development correspondence dated July 26, 2012. This change is required because the new structural steel that is required to replace the columns being removed was not indicated on the Structural Drawings.

(6.3) Approval is recommended for a Change Order for the Highland Middle School Project, to Shipley Plumbing for replacement of the existing fire hydrant in the east driveway adjacent to Area F, for the additional cost of \$2,357, per Shipley Plumbing correspondence dated June 14, 2012. This change was approved by the Buildings and Grounds Committee on June 19, 2012 in order that the work be executed in a timely manner with adjacent driveway construction, and is hereby submitted for full Board approval. The work was required because the existing fire hydrant was shown to be removed and reinstalled in the new location, but was discovered in the course of its removal to be in too poor of condition to be salvaged for reinstallation. Therefore, it was necessary to purchase a new fire hydrant.

\*Mr. Fleischman asked about reconditioning the fire hydrant. Mr. Durkin replied that the contractor recommended replacement due to the deterioration of the existing hydrant, probably due to soil conditions, and deemed defective and in need of replacement.

\*This is a ratification. The Buildings and Grounds Committee has already approved

(6.4) Approval is recommended for a Change Order for the Highland Middle School Project, to Shipley Plumbing for replacement of the existing underground sanitary piping in Area D, for the additional cost of \$17,484.24, per Shipley Plumbing correspondence dated August 3, 2012. The work is required because the existing underground piping was expected to remain in this area and accept connections from new piping, but was discovered in the course of construction to be smaller than expected and unable to accept the new pipe connections. Therefore, it is necessary to provide new underground piping of adequate size.

(6.5) Approval is recommended for a Change Order for the Highland Middle School Project, to Allegheny City Electric for work related to connecting the fire alarm system to the cooking ventilation hoods, one in Life Skills and two in Family and Consumer Science, for the additional cost of \$7,310.26, per Allegheny City Electric correspondence dated July 25, 2012. This change is required in order to comply with the stipulations of the Building Permit review process, during which the Code Enforcement Officer requested that the cooking hoods be provided with an automatic extinguishing system and a connection to the building fire alarm system. The stipulation for the extinguishing system was included in the bidding documents but the stipulation for a connection to the fire alarm system was not, and therefore, a change order is required.

(6.6) Approval is recommended for a Change Order for the Highland Middle School Project, to Allegheny City Electric to substitute 3 light fixtures in A-100, and E-115, for the additional cost of \$1,504.75 per Allegheny City Electric correspondence dated August 3, 2012. This change is required in order to provide light fixtures that fit within the available space. The specified fixtures are too large and will be used by the District in other locations. This change order is needed for emergency lighting.

\*Mr. Fleischman asked if the original specifications were wrong. Mr. Durkin replied that the internal framing of the outside soffits were not visible until after demolition. This situation reduced the available space for the fixtures originally specified.

(6.8) Added to agenda at meeting. Approval is recommended for a change order for replacement of gas line to Shipley Heating and Plumbing for additional costs not to exceed \$2,000. The gas company wants the District to replace 60 ft. of gas line to accommodate pressure.

\*Mr. Fleischman asked why this change order was not anticipated. Tom Durkin explained that the utility company made the decision when they came out to begin their work in the gas house Thursday. It's their call.

b. Schedule Update

Schedule presented by Dan Engen

1. Preliminary inspection on Monday August 13 (John Balsler). He deemed occupancy ok with ADA. Looking only at newly constructed/renovated areas.  
Reviewed systems (emergency systems). Tomorrow afternoon- final inspection occupancy approval tomorrow afternoon  
Everything will be ready for August 27.  
One more inspection-Temporary walkway between Area D and gym wing. Finishing the walkway this weekend and another inspection is necessary.

Mr. Fleischman asked about the height of the temporary walkway. Mr. Durkin replied that it is 8 feet clear.

Mr. Fleischman questioned the parking lot at the middle school. He stated that he had received a half dozen calls about parking lot and referred to the concern as an elephant in the room. Mr. Engen explained the logistics of the parking lot. Mr. Fleischman said that in his opinion, the parking lot looks like "a skateboarder's paradise". Mr. Engen stated that the parking lot is only partially done and will be

smooth. It is sloped to allow ADA access to the upper lobby and to address the ten foot difference in elevation between the upper and lower wings.

## 2. SUMMER PROJECTS

### a. Final Change Order on Board Agenda

(6.7) Approval is recommended for a Change order for the ADA Restroom Alteration Project, to Central Heating and Plumbing for work related to exchange locations of two high school plumbing fixtures for \$337.50, and replacing an existing wall mounted fixture with a new floor mounted plumbing fixture at Northwestern Primary School for \$1,414.00. Total Change Order cost equals \$1,751.50. The change is required at the High School restroom because the fixture that was expected to be reused was discovered during construction to be non-compliant with ADA requirements, and therefore, will be replaced under this change order. The change at Northwestern is required because the existing wall construction is not suitable to receive the specified wall mounted fixture, and therefore, the existing piping needs to be reconfigured to accommodate a floor mounted fixture.

\*Dr. Rose asked for clarification.

### b. Current Status- Friday August 24, 2012 is expected completion date for all projects.

1. Northwestern
  - a. Stadium- Seating is almost complete.
  - b. ADA Parking- Paving is complete.
  - c. ADA Restrooms
2. Patterson-all on schedule
  - a. Offices
  - b. ADA Restrooms
3. High School – ADA Restrooms
4. BIS – ADA Restrooms

## 3. PUBLIC QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

Mr. Fleischman asked for contractors to use a magnet to pick up metal that could puncture tires.  
(Rescinded to say don't worry about it.)

Dr. Rose asked about clearances for construction workers and Board members. Dr. Miller responded that construction workers need Act 34, 151, and FBI clearances. Board members do not need these but can receive ID badges.