

**OSBORN HILL SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE**

**Special Meeting Minutes - Final**

November 21, 2016

5:30 p.m.

Osborn Hill School - Library

760 Stillson Road

Fairfield, CT 06824

Members Present: Kim Marshall (Chair), Bret Bader, Bill Dunn

Members absent: Susie Cardona, Steve White

Others Present: Sal Morabito, Gerald Foley, Frank Arnone, Judy Ewing, Jessica Gerber (BOE-Liaison), Robin Orriss (RTM-Liaison), Bill Silver, Lynne Brocklesby (OHS-PTA)

Call to Order:

Ms. Marshall called the meeting to order at 5:42 p.m.

(Note: this meeting was rescheduled from the previous Thursday due to the lack of a quorum)

Approval of Invoices

1. Silver Petrucelli & Associates Invoice # 16-334 \$1,183.85  
Mr. Dunn made a motion to approve the invoice. Ms. Marshall seconded the motion.  
The motion passed unanimously, 3:0
2. Silver Petrucelli & Associates Invoice # 16-2239 \$6,000.00  
Mr. Dunn made a motion to approve the invoice. Ms. Marshall seconded the motion.  
The motion passed unanimously, 3:0

Update from PD

Mr. Foley provided the results of the bidding for the enclosed walkway. There was decent participation with a total of five firms submitting bids for the project's construction, which included both the Brick and Glass Enclosed Walkway (original) and the Translucent Wall Panel Enclosed Walkway (redesign) options. The base bids for the Brick and Glass option were between \$847,903. and \$677,400. and the base bids for the Translucent Wall Panel Enclosed Walkway option were between \$607,400. and \$483,960. It was noted that this was the third time the enclosed walkway had been put out for bidding with the previous times: 1) May 2014 – four firms submitted bids for the entire building project with the Brick and Glass Enclosed Walkway included as the only option and ranging from between \$847,350. and \$413,000. and 2) June 2015 with the Translucent Wall Panel Enclosed Walkway receiving a bid from only one firm of \$687,450. for the base bid. It was also noted should any bid be pursued for either construction option, the construction budget would require an additional outlay for contingency and material testing.

A discussion of the bids and options followed, which included public comment. As the project's current construction budget's estimated cash on hand is approximately \$285,000., the pursuit of any construction option to build an enclosed walkway would require additional funding from the Town's Governing Bodies. The discussion proceeded with the Building Committee deciding if the Chair's update to the Town's Governing Bodies should include a specific funding request. The discussion concluded with it being determined that the Brick and Glass option was a superior construction value over the Translucent Wall Panel option.

**Mr. Bader made a motion that the Chair provide an update to the Board of Selectman recommending the Brick and Glass Enclosed Walkway solution and a request for an additional \$475,000. above the current cash on hand. Ms. Marshall seconded the motion, which passed, 2:1.**

Ms. Marshall said that she would speak with the First Selectman to request the opportunity to provide the Board of Selectman with an update at its next meeting. She informed Building Committee that she hoped to have its regular meeting as currently scheduled (December 15<sup>th</sup>). The Building Committee believes three potential options are available: 1) an increase to the level of funding for the enclosed walkway to an appropriate level, 2) an increase in the Building Committee's latitude to construct a structure that will increase student security, which may not be an enclosed structure and amend the project's bond resolution by removing the "and an enclosed walkway" designation or 3) allow the Building Committee to return the cash currently on hand, amend the project's bond resolution by removing the "and an enclosed walkway" designation and reassign the student security (education specification) for the project back to the Board of Education. The Building Committee would like to move forward and greatly appreciates the direction and guidance of the First Selectman and the Town's Governing Bodies on how best they wish the Building Committee to proceed.

Old Business

None

Public Comment

Were included in PD Update

Adjournment

Mr. Dunn made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Bader seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously, 3:0

Respectfully Submitted,  
OHS Building Committee