

BLOOMFIELD TOWN COUNCIL

ADMINISTRATION & EDUCATION SUBCOMMITTEE

There was a regular meeting for the above-referenced subcommittee held at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, April 1, 2013 in Conference Room #5, Bloomfield Town Hall, 800 Bloomfield Avenue, Bloomfield, CT.

Committee members present were: Councilor Rivers, Gamble and DeLorenzo

Also present were: Wayne Casper, Director of Facilities – Bloomfield Board of Education, Naomi Cohen, Susan True, Philip Schenck, Interim Town Manager and India M. Rodgers, Clerk of Council

Absent: Deputy Mayor Hypolite and Barry Berson

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m.

Update on all School Building Committees

High School – Mr. Wayne Casper gave a status update regarding the glass block replacement. The Board of Education engaged in a partnership with Capital Region Council of Governments (CRCOG) Purchasing Program. In working with this program with job order contracting, the bid for this replacement came in at \$138,000. The building committee has approved the project proposal. The Board is awaiting the documentation from the bidding process in order to proceed.

The bathroom renovation project was redirected to the Board of Education operating budget. The Board utilized the CRCOG Purchasing Program for this project as well. The bid came in at \$250,000 versus the original bid of \$320,000. By retracting the bid from the overall school renovation project, the vendor was not required to offer prevailing wages, so the contractor used non-union labor for a more reasonable rate.

The installation of the emergency generator has been completed. The change orders have also been completed.

Carmen Arace – Mr. Casper reported that all punch list items and project construction has been completed at this site. The building committee is currently finishing up contractual financial obligations.

Elementary Schools

Mrs. Naomi Cohen gave a brief update on the elementary school renovation projects. Both projects are underway and near completion, except for last minute financial obligations with contractors.

Laurel Elementary - the playground construction will begin during the first week in April and is expected to be completed at the end of May, 2013.

There were some issues with the motorized shades and the fire alarm system in the new extension of the Greenhouse/Café. The fire marshal has required a change in the alarm system due to heat trapment concerns. The full addressable fire alarm panel has been installed.

Metacomet Elementary – the playground construction will begin in the next weeks and is scheduled for completion at the end of June, 2013.

The elementary school building committee remains very interested in installing small generators to both schools. These generators would be utilized to mainly supply electricity for refrigeration, pipes in the boiler room and alarm/telephone services.

The price proposals and installation for the generators were as follows:

- Laurel - \$73,328
- Metacomet - \$68,278

Engineer drawings are required for both buildings has an estimated cost would be \$ 5520.00.

There are installation concerns at Metacomet due to space constraints outside of the building. The recommendation is to install the generator on the rooftop. However, a design study is needed to determine the steel support. The cost for the structural engineer analysis is approximately \$3500.00.

In order to proceed with this project, paperwork filing will occur for the next phase and a status update will be provided at the next scheduled subcommittee meeting.

Administrative Report from the Town Manager

The new Interim Town Manager has hired and is getting acquainted with town operations. There was no official report.

Councilor Gamble reported that she was approached by a developer for the Jolley Drive property. There was an expressed interest in building a hotel with a conference center. The developer would like to engage in preliminary discussions about this site and is also asking for exclusive rights to build and get established.

In addition, the state bonding of the old Valco building (14 acres) that was allocated \$800,000, project has been stalled.

Adjournment

It was moved by Councilor Rivers, seconded by Councilor Gamble and voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m.