

BLOOMFIELD TOWN COUNCIL

ADMINISTRATION & EDUCATION SUBCOMMITTEE

There was a regular meeting for the above-referenced subcommittee held at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, July 2, 2012 in Conference Room #5, Bloomfield Town Hall, 800 Bloomfield Avenue, Bloomfield, CT.

Committee members present were: Councilors Rivers, Gamble and Deputy Mayor Hypolite.
Absent was: Councilor Mark Jacobs

Also present were: Barry Berson, Susan True, Naomi Cohen, Wayne Casper and India Rodgers, Clerk of Council. Absent was: Louie Chapman, Jr., Town Manager

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m.

Update on all School Building Committees

High School – Mr. Wayne Casper, Director of Facilities for the Bloomfield Board of Education, reported that roof work should be completed by the end of July. The emergency generator and folding partitions will be installed before the beginning of the school year.

Carmen Arace – The project is 98% completed. There has been no quorum for the building committee to complete the necessary paperwork and review of punch list items. The committee will work expeditiously to close out the project as soon as possible.

Elementary Schools

Laurel Elementary – The project is on target and schedule to be completed by late July, early August, 2012. The site has been paved and furniture deliveries will occur after the primary election.

Metacomet Elementary – The wall murals have been installed. The committee is currently reviewing punch list items to close out the project. It was also reported that summer school will be held at the site as well as the summer lunch program.

Mrs. Naomi Cohen, Chair of the Elementary School Building Committee reported that the committee chose Fryor & Associates as the landscape architect for the playground design. A meeting was held on June 12, 2012 to further discuss plans for the playground area. This company has extensive experience with the Bureau of Schools and Facilities with the State of Connecticut. The goal for completion is the end of October, 2012. This playground will be totally accessible and will be design for community use as well.

Administrative Report from the Town Manager

No updates were report at this time.

Discussion and Review of Bids for Bathroom Renovations at Bloomfield High School

Mr. Wayne Casper reported that the bids opened on June 27, 2012 and were received from PDS Engineering & Construction for \$287,000 and Sarazin General Contractors for 415,000. PDS Engineering & Construction met with Newfield Construction and expressed concerns regarding construction documents. They stated that a different viewpoint of bid interpretation regarding the installation of tiles and flooring. Based on this review and interpretation, the bid amount increased 45,000.

Mr. Casper will conduct a conference call with Newfield and architect to resolve these issues. The building committee already approved the PDS bid not to exceed \$332,000.

Deputy Mayor Hypolite expressed concerns about the overall project, being fiscally prudent. He requested that the Town Administration review the bids and financial alternatives to complete the project.

This item will be referred to the Town Council agenda for July 9, 2012 for further discussion and review.

Adjournment

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