

**Town of Watertown  
School Building Committee  
High School  
Three Elementary School Projects  
Wednesday, November 20, 2019  
6:00 – 8:00 p.m.**

**M I N U T E S**

**Committee Members Present:** Mark Sideris, (chair), John Portz (vice-chair), Paul Anastasi, Dede Galdston, Lori Kabel, Lindsay Mosca, Tom Tracy, Steven Magoon and Vinnie Piccirilli

**Others Present:** Scott Dunlap, (Architectural team, Ai3 Architects), Vivian Varbedian (OPM, Hill International), Jacqueline Tager (Watertown Resident), David Stokes (Watertown Resident)

**1. Call to Order**

Mark Sideris called the School Building Committee to order at 6:02 p.m.

**2. Construction Phasing Update on Hosmer School and Cunniff School**

**Hosmer and Cunniff School**

Scott Dunlap provided an update on the proposed conception phasing of the Hosmer and Cunniff Elementary School. Slides were shown to reflect the project phases of construction. Hosmer and Cunniff Elementary schools planned to be bid as one package in March 2020. This will allow the contractor to become mobilized on site in the summer of 2020.

Ai3 reviewed the various phase plans through completion of construction for Hosmer and Cunniff. The final Phase 3, August 2022-June 2024 demonstrated the sites completion with the exception of the Z shaped building to be utilized as a swing space for all the schools. Question from Vinny Piccirilli about occupancy at the school, Scott informed him that occupancy will be effective in the summer of 2022 by the Hosmer students. The last phase is Hosmer Phase 4, June 2024 – November 2024. This phase concludes demolition of the existing Z shaped building, construction of all the play areas and final paving of the parking lot areas.

**Review of Exterior Materials for Cunniff and Hosmer**

Scott Dunlap provided samples for the window frames and building panels. All the materials would be reviewed with the SBC before selecting final color. Lindsay Mosca and John Portz asked about the variations of the school colors for the buildings to show a difference in the schools look and not have the schools look the same. Upon final selection, School Building Committee can review for approval.

### **Establishing a Pre-qualification Subcommittee**

Vivian Varbedian requested the formation of the Pre-qualification subcommittee. Chairman Mark Sideris informed SBC and community that the Pre-qualification subcommittee will be comprised of Lori Kabel, Vivian Varbedian, Scott Dunlap, Paul Anastasi and Peter McLaughlin (Building Commissioner). The pre-qualification subcommittee will review the qualification of the subs and general contractors that might be used for the project. A proposal will be issued asking for the qualification and various reference checks will be conducted. Upon the reference checks reviewed, the subcommittee will make a recommendation to the School Building Committee where. Thereafter the subcontractors and general contractors will be allowed to bid for the projects. Chairman Mark Sideris motioned to the SBC to authorize a creation of a pre-qualification subcommittee to review sub-contractor/general contractor qualification and be allowed to bid for both school projects. Vinny Piccirilli seconded and all were in favor.

### **Review of the Project Budget**

Vivian Varbedian discussed and reviewed the project budget and cost summary for all (3) elementary schools. The construction cost sub-total is \$136,000.00 includes the mid-point and escalation of both estimates. The architectural and engineering line is \$12.4 million. The project total for all the (3) schools is \$170,000.00. Within the budget is carried 50% for Photo Voltaic on the roof only.

### **Community Comments**

Jacqueline Taylor discussed Photo Voltaic as she advocates for best practices of solar energy. She gave a detailed analysis of ownership vs leasing solar arrays for Watertown schools. Her position is not to recommend a Purchase Power Agreement company but encourages the use of a local installer. David Stokes with "Watertown faces Climate change" and the "Watertown Environment Energy Efficiency Committee" discussed adding dishwashers to the new and renovated elementary schools. By having dishwashers, he believes can eliminate the disposing of cafeteria trays. The conversation lead to talk about using all washables food service wares including trays, plates, cups and utensils. The Superintendent has expanded recycling efforts such as composting.

### **Sustainability Committee Update**

John Portz updated the SBC on the prior discussions of the sustainability subcommittee focus on usable vs compostable cafeteria trays integrated into the curriculum. Also, Lori Kabel previously discussed Photo Voltaic solar panels for both Hosmer and Cunniff schools. Due to

limited time, the subcommittee will meet again at 4pm on Tuesday, Nov 26, 2019 as the goal is to return to the SBC with a recommendation.

### **Review and Approval of Invoices**

Tom Tracey requested the approval of invoices for the month of October from Ai3 for basic services, reimbursable expenses and extra expenses of \$1,541,784.75. Chairman Mark Sideris motioned to approve the invoices. All were in favor.

### **Schedule Next Meeting**

Chairman Mark Sideris announced that the next meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 4, 2019 in the Council Chambers.

### **Adjournment**

Chairman Mark Sideris made a motion to adjourn and go into executive session The motion was seconded. All were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:57p.m.