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**JOINT SPECIAL SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE**  
**THURSDAY, APRIL 22, 2004**  
**CITY HALL ALDERMANIC CHAMBERS**  
**8:00 PM**

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A meeting of the Joint Special School Building Committee was held at City Hall on **Thursday, April 22, 2004**. Alderman Bolton called the meeting to order at **8:10 p.m.** and asked Mr. Dowd to read the prayer and Mr. Kelley to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Alderman Bolton, Alderman Cardin, Alderman Johnson, Alderman McCarthy, Alderman Plamondon, Alderman Vitale (8:22), Mr. Clemons, Mr. Dowd, Mr. Kelley, Mrs. Kwan, Mrs. Melizzi-Golja, Mrs. Shaw

Also Present: Mr. Conrad, Mr. Smith

Also Present: Jim Driscoll, Harry Vogt, Steve Sundius, Scott Timmons

Also Present: Mr. Daly, Mr. Glendy, Alderman Lozeau

***Previous Meeting Minutes Approval – January 22, 2004***

Mrs. Kwan moved to waive the reading of the minutes of the Joint Special School Building Committee meeting held on **3/25/04**, accept them and place them on file. **So voted.**

***Remarks by Chairman***

**Alderman Bolton**

Thanked everyone for being here.

***Report of the Architect & Construction Manager***

**Mr. Vogt**

Project is rapidly coming to a close as we prepare to open the South School in September. Reviewed final stages of project, including furnishings being put in place by school start.

**Mr. Driscoll**

Still have a few remaining items in Phase II on punch list at South School. Reviewed status of work by section.

**Alderman Johnson**

Asked about patches in track at South School. Also asked where the Clerk of the Works was when pipes froze in the new high school, and are we certain that all problems have been resolved?

**Alderman Bolton**

Clerk of the Works does not work for Mr. Driscoll, and therefore we can address that portion of question to the City. Mr. Driscoll can address frozen pipe issue.

**Mr. Driscoll**

Reviewed all steps that were taken to ensure that there will be no further frozen pipe issues, and assured to warranty as long as Gilbane is around. Will not leave the schools high and dry.

*Remarks by Administration*

**Mr. Conrad**

Reviewed Pennichuck JHS Financial Report. The upgrade to the HVAC system is still remaining. There are minor changes to the original scope of work. There remains an additional \$286,000 for this work, which represents about \$24,000 more than the Board of Education requested for Capital Improvements for the coming year. We are at a critical juncture, and need to move forward with this work. Need to know where the Committee wants to go with this, and how the City can help fund this. The bids are coming in next week. The system currently performs to design, but the design was based on the mid 80's, which used inadequate standards.

**Steve Sundius**

Provided an explanation of exactly what is being proposed.

*Committee Reports – NSHS Committee*

Alderman McCarthy moved to waive the reading of the minutes of the NSHS Committee meetings held on **3/11/04 and 3/25/03**, and to concur with the recommendations contained therein. **So voted.**

Alderman McCarthy moved to suspend the rules to allow for oral reports of meetings held **April 8, 2004** and earlier this evening. **So voted.**

**Alderman McCarthy**

On April 8, 2004, the NSHS Committee took the following actions:

- MOVED TO APPROVE CHANGE ORDER #9 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$74,903.
- MOVED TO APPROVE CCA #1435E FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,317.
- MOVED TO APPROVE CCA #1441E FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$4,404, WITH DRY WALL TO BE DONE ON A TIME AND MATERIAL BASIS.
- MOVED TO APPROVE CCA #1434 FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$15,892.
- MOVED TO APPROVE CCA #1439 FOR A CREDIT OF \$123.
- MOVED TO REJECT CCA #1437.

MOVED TO AWARD BIDS TO: M&N SPORTS, NASHUA NH FOR FOOTBALL UNIFORMS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$16,370; HOLOVAK & COUGLIN, ARLINGTON MA IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,623.84; MARTIN SALES, INC, GOFFSTOWN NH FOR \$4,112; TO KEITHS II SPORTING GOOD, PITTSFORD VT FOR FIELD HOCKEY UNIFORMS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,831 AND FOR BOYS & GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY UNIFORMS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,557.12 FOR A TOTAL OF \$36,493.96.

MOVED TO APPROVE PURCHASE ORDER #JO1133 TO FIRST CHOICE IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$100,000 FOR PHASE III RELOCATION.

Alderman McCarthy moved that the Committee concur with these recommendations. **So voted.**

**Alderman McCarthy**

Earlier this evening, the NSHS Committee took the following actions:

MOVED TO APPROVE AMENDMENT #15 TO THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN LAVALEE/BRENSINGER AND THE JOINT SPECIAL SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,000.

MOVED TO APPROVE CCA #144E, EXCLUDING GRIFFIN ELECTRIC ASSOCIATED COST, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$16,000.

MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING FOUR DECTAM CHANGE ORDERS:  
#27 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,160; #30 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,619; #31 FOR A CREDIT OF \$46,236; #32 FOR A CREDIT OF \$2,080.

Alderman McCarthy moved that the Committee concur with these recommendations.

Alderman Johnson moved to amend motion by removing CCA #1444E. **So voted.**

*Voting on Amended Motion:*

Alderman McCarthy moved that the Committee concur with recommendations as amended. **So voted.**

**ALDERMAN McCARTHY MOVED TO APPROVE CCA #144E EXCLUDING ELECTRICAL PORTION FOR GRIFFIN ELECTRONICS IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$16,000.**

**SO VOTED. (1 NAY, ALDERMAN JOHNSON)**

**ALDERMAN McCARTHY MOVED TO APPROVE THE INVOICE FROM RIST-FROST-SHUMWAY ENGINEERING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$24,605.27 FOR THE PENNICHUCK JHS PROJECT.**

**SO VOTED.**

**ALDERMAN McCARTHY MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING INVOICES: TO LAVALLEE/BRENSINGER FOR \$17,539.27; TO GILBANE FOR \$1,357,908.61; TO ARGONAUT INSURANCE FOR \$20,265.80; TO DEC-TAM CORPORATION FOR \$238,265.80; TO EDVANCE FOR \$10,000; TO FIRST CHOICE FOR \$11,926; TO GE CAPITAL MODULAR SPACE FOR \$100; GEOTECHNICAL SERVICES FOR \$520; TO JH ALBERT FOR \$1,050; TO LEAD SOURCE FOR \$22,000; TO MOBILE STORAGE GROUP FOR \$205; TO RIST-FROST-SHUMWAY FOR \$7,179.96; TO FURNITURE/EQUIPMENT VENDORS FOR \$2,000; FOR A TOTAL OF \$1,689,401.24.**

**SO VOTED.**

*Comments by Members of the Public*

**Geoff Daly, 74-48 Waldon Pond Drive**

Earlier tonight, made it clear that I object to any further payment to the contractors for any of the electrical data communications systems that are currently being installed in the high school due to workmanship problems.  
*(read statement)*

**Mrs. Kwan**

Clarified a point made by Mr. Daly that the School Board is not involved in the payment in the construction of the high school building.

**Alderman Bolton**

Also clarified that members of the Joint Special School Board Committee are either members of the Board of Education or the Board of Aldermen. This Committee has oversight of the construction project. More of the details have been delegated to the High School Committee, and I'm sure they will pay attention to the details of this letter.

**Alderman McCarthy**

We've gone through that list, and there are some legitimate discrepancies on it. The ones that do not meet code, will be fixed. We will not find a Certificate of Completion for the building and we will not release payment to the electrical contractor until they are done.

**Tim Glenday, Lucier Street**

Would like the late May meetings changed to this local so they can be televised. Also spoke on behalf of the power issue at the TV studio.

*Comments by Committee Members*

**Mr. Clemons**

Curious where Mr. Daly gets his information and how he's able to take photographs.

**Alderman Bolton**

He accompanies the committee on the inspection and walking tour where he took photographs. His company, also has certain expertise, which he relied on.

**Mr. Clemons**

Asked if have a Federal inspector inspecting the job regularly.

**Mr. Driscoll**

OSHA has been to the site twice already, and we have our own safety inspectors who inspect for OSHA regulations. They did not see any problem with the electrical work.

**Alderman McCarthy**

An actual OSHA inspection to see if the site is compliant would not occur until after a Certificate of Occupancy is issued.

**Mr. Dowd**

Asked how often the electrical inspectors from Nashua inspect the work.

**Mr. Driscoll**

Before we close up any walls, they come in and inspect. We fixed anything they felt was an issue.

**Alderman Vitale**

Do these inspectors carry any sort of bond that holds them responsible for any problems that occur down the line?

**Mr. Driscoll**

We carry performance and payment bond, which runs out shortly after construction.

**Alderman Vitale**

Who is responsible if problems occur after inspections allow for walls to close up? That is what happened at Pennichuck.

**Alderman Bolton**

Our building inspectors provide an extra measure of inspection, but do not guarantee quality work.

**Alderman Lozeau**

Doesn't consider Mr. Daly a nuisance and does appreciate what Mr. Daly brings to the City. Wonders what is on the other side of the high school that Mr. Daly hasn't looked at. Suggested that perhaps Mr. Daly be directed to the Clerk of the Works.

**Alderman Bolton**

Has never considered Mr. Daly a nuisance, and doesn't know anyone who has.

**Alderman McCarthy**

Does not know anyone who has considered Mr. Daly a nuisance. Some of the input received, represents problems that we need to correct. However, we do have a process in place for fixing those things, and that's the process we will use... not necessarily the process Mr. Daly suggests. Right now, we need to include Mr. Daly's list be included in our punch list. This is a huge process, and some things do go wrong, and get done wrong. We can't have someone looking over the shoulder of every person doing every detail. We will, however correct anything that needs correcting.

**Alderman Johnson**

Wants to know who the Clerk of the Works is. Wonders why the phone system and the PA system didn't work at the new high school... how we forgot to put insulation in the walls, and why pipes burst in a new school. We paid over \$145 million for 2 schools. Do we expect it to be right the first time? Yes we do. Minor problems will occur, but pipes bursting are not minor.

**Alderman Bolton**

Every member of the High School Committee is completely dedicated to quality construction. They have worked long and hard without excusing any deficiencies.

**Mr. Clemons**

Have worked on construction in the past, and does not feel that a frozen pipe bursting is an outrageous thing to happen in the extreme cold we had this winter. Found Gilbane to be an excellent company.

**Mr. Kelley**

New to the High School Committee and to the School Board. The first time Mr. Daly made his concerns made, the High School Committee immediately took action to check out his concerns. The Committee and Gilbane have done an excellent job following up on concerns and issues.

Mrs. Shaw moved to adjourn. **So voted at 9:20 p.m.**

*Submitted by Jacki Waters*