
JOINT SPECIAL SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE
THURSDAY, APRIL 23, 2009
NASHUA HIGH SCHOOL NORTH LECTURE HALL
7:00 PM

A meeting of the Joint Special School Building Committee was held at Nashua High North on **Thursday, April 23, 2009**. Alderman Bolton called the meeting to order at **7:35 p.m.** Alderman Tabacsko read the prayer, and Mr. Hogan led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Alderman Bolton, Alderman Cookson, Alderman Cox, Alderman Flynn, Alderman McCarthy, Alderman Tabacsko, Alderman Tamposi, Alderman Wilshire, Mr. Dowd, Mr. Haas, Mr. Hallowell, Mr. Hogan, Mr. Mosher, Mr. Vaughan

Also Present: Mr. Mealey, Mr. Smith, Alderman Teeboom

Previous Meeting Minutes Approval

Alderman McCarthy moved to waive the reading of the minutes of the JSSBC Committee meeting held on **3/26/09**, accept them, place them and file. **So voted.**

Remarks by Chairman

Alderman Bolton

Thank you all for being here.

Remarks by Administration

None.

Committee Report – Construction Projects Committee

Alderman McCarthy moved to waive the rules to allow for an oral report of a meeting held earlier this evening. **So voted.**

Alderman McCarthy

The committee met earlier this evening and accepted an intermediate report from The Jordan Report explaining where they were in the analysis of the building. It's pretty much summarized in the sheets sent to the committee. There were no votes or actions taken at that meeting and therefore there is no need for approval of those items.

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TO TURNER BUIDLING SCIENCE & DESIGN IN THE AMOUNT OF \$305.43 AND TO THE
JORDAN INSTITUTE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,000 AND \$7,833 FOR A TOTAL OF \$10,438.43.

Alderman Cookson

What service was provided by Turner in the 2 hours that were billed for?

Alderman McCarthy

That is part of the consulting that Turner has been doing for quite some time. You'll notice that the invoice date is February 27th when they were engaged.

Alderman Cookson

So this would have been for participation in one of our meetings?

Alderman McCarthy

I don't know if it was specifically for one of the meetings or not.

Alderman Cookson

So we actually don't know what we're paying this for?

Alderman McCarthy

We don't do an hourly accounting of every person who's involved in this project.

Alderman Cookson

I apologize. I'm just curious because it actually doesn't say on here what services were provided or what the outcome of the 2 hours of work was.

Alderman McCarthy

It's an invoice for 2 hours out of the hundreds of hours that we've engaged Turner for.

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SO VOTED.

Comments by Members of the Public

None.

Comments by Committee Members

Mr. Hallowell

I would just like to thank The Jordan Institute, who isn't here anymore, because I'm certainly glad that we stumbled across them. Because I think in the last 2-3 meetings that we're had with them we've gotten a lot more clarity on what we need to do and where we want to go. And I certainly appreciate that.

Alderman Cox

A friend of mine, Neil Rogers is assisting putting on the "Including Samuel" project. And I would highly encourage any BOE and/or BOA members to try and make this. It's a very riveting film and an important attempt to try and put more information out about special needs in the city.

Mr. Hallowell

When would that be?

Alderman Cox

It's May 6th from 4:30 to 6:30 at Nashua High School North in the Board Room. There will be food prepared by the Culinary Arts students and is sponsored by Pace.

Alderman Teeboom

The Jordan Institute didn't just stumble in here. They came highly recommended by Mayor Lozeau and are currently doing a study on City Hall. I'm quite pleased to see us taking the engineering approach before we stumble into a solution.

Alderman Bolton

May I just say that in the future if people have comments or question about invoices, it might be helpful to get those questions to someone who knows the answers ahead of time. These are always provided ahead of time with the agenda and I'm sure Mr. Mealy or Mr. Smith may be able to answer the question or go back to the vendor or consultant for more detail if necessary. But it would be highly unusual for someone like Alderman McCarthy to have that level of detail at his disposal without any advance notice.

Alderman Wilshire moved to adjourn. **So voted at 7:45 p.m.**

Submitted by Jacki Waters