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**JOINT SPECIAL SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE**  
**THURSDAY, MAY 17, 2007**  
**NASHUA HIGH SCHOOL NORTH LECTURE HALL**  
**7:00 PM**

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A meeting of the Joint Special School Building Committee was held at Nashua High North on **Thursday, May 17, 2007**. Alderman Bolton called the meeting to order at **7:00 p.m.** Mr. Kelley read the prayer, and Alderman Tabacsko led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Alderman Bolton, Alderman Deane, Alderman Flynn, Alderman MacLaughlin, Alderman McCarthy, Alderman Plamondon, Alderman Tabacsko, Mr. Clemons, Mr. Hogan, Mr. Kelley, Mr. Vaughan, Mrs. Kwan, Mrs. Melizzi-Golja

Also Present: Mr. Mealey, Mr. Smith

*Previous Meeting Minutes Approval*

Alderman Tabacsko moved to waive the reading of the minutes of the JSSBC Committee meeting held on **2/5/06**, accept them, place them and file and concur with the motions made at that meeting. **So voted.**

*Remarks by Chairman*

**Alderman Bolton**

Thank you all for coming. There had been some problems scheduling this meeting due to lack of a quorum. I believe we have fixed the “glitch” that caused conflicting schedules and I encourage you all to attend these meetings as we often have timely invoices to approve and actions to decide upon. I hope this scheduling problem didn’t cause you any inconvenience.

I while back the Board of Aldermen with some appreciation accepted the monies that we had been able to return unexpended on the high school project. Recognizing that they’d been unexpended funds from the high school project, there was an appropriation of monies to do some work on the heating systems, which some of our elementary schools sorely need. At the time, the question was raised as to whether it was appropriate for the JSSBC to oversee that activity. I think it’s fair to see that technical arguments can be made both ways. The Board of Aldermen, in recognition of the fine work that Alderman McCarthy and his committee had done on the high school project seemed to feel it would be good to continue the oversight of the JSSBC over projects that amounted to dollar values for what was contemplated, even though it may not technically fall in the construction or re-construction of a school building. If the Board of Education has a problem with that theory, I don’t want to get into any arguments about it, until the BOE will take it up at an appropriate time, and we can deal with it if it has to be an issue. If the consensus is that that should happen I’m going to assign oversight to that to the Construction Project sub-committee and they will take it up and come to the JSSBC with recommendations on how they should proceed. I’m sure we can deal with it in a harmonious fashion.

**Mr. Kelley**

The Finance & Operations Committee of the Board of Education has already received a briefing from Mr. Smith on some of the matters and that will be brought forward to the next Board of Education meeting. One of the questions we had, was just how we would go about bringing this before this committee. Whether it was a presentation here, or to the Construction Committee at a later date. Mr. Smith had a presentation ready for us at the time of our last Finance & Operations committee and will be presented at our Board of Education meeting on May 29<sup>th</sup>.

**Alderman Bolton**

So it sounds like things are proceeding as they ought to. If we all agree that it falls under the jurisdiction of this committee, then we go on from there.

**Mr. Clemons**

We're going to be receiving reimbursement from the State on this project, aren't we?

**Mr. Smith**

Potentially, yes, we get 30% reimbursement.

**Mr. Clemons**

In the past, that was all projects that have received State money under the guise of the JSSBC?

**Alderman Bolton**

I believe that's true, and that would be one of the arguments that favor this committee overseeing that.

*Comments by Administration*

**Mr. Smith**

Mr. Mealey has set up the next sub-committee meeting as Alderman McCarthy was unable to attend tonight's meeting. We already have Hayner-Swanson prepared to come and make a proposal for Lincoln Brook work.

*Approval of Invoice*

**MRS. KWAN MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING INVOICES FOR THE HIGH SCHOOL PROJECT: TO HAYNER/SWANSON, INC. FOR \$336.50; TO FURNITURE/EQUIPMENT VENDORS FOR \$63,373.50 FOR A TOTAL OF \$63,711.00.**

**SO VOTED.**

**MRS. KWAN MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING INVOICE FOR THE PENNICHUCK MIDDLE SCHOOL PROJECT: TO RIST-FROST-SHUMWAY ENGINEERING FOR \$5,051.18.**

**SO VOTED.**

*Items for Discussion and Approval*

**Alderman Deane**

Can I get an update on the playing fields?

**Alderman Bolton**

The litigation is pending. Last week it was in the less than enviable position of being on the wrong side of the table at a deposition. I don't know how to predict when an ultimate resolution will come. The litigation between AMSCO and Gilbane is in process and mediation attempts have thus far failed. That's about all that can be said.

**Alderman Deane**

Thank you. Hopefully the Aldermanic Budget Review committee will be able to approve the school boiler work soon and get that underway during the summer. Can you forward me a copy the presentation that Mr. Kelley referred to that was presented at the Finance & Operations Committee?

**Mr. Smith**

I can do that.

**Alderman Deane**

Did we look at the conventional options as well as the Geo-Thermal?

**Mr. Smith**

I did look at the other two options that were presented and we have breakdowns of what all options would cost. I will send copies of that to you.

***Committee Member Comments*****Alderman Plamondon**

We have parking issues at Elm Street Middle School, and always have. Particularly where the usage of the auditorium is increasing. About 4 years ago I brought forward an interest in writing from Gate City Glass to donate his land in lieu of paving a small section of his property line at Chestnut Street. A little over a year ago there was a letter of surrender from the owner of Gate City to the City about his frustration. It stated that he was going to go ahead and pave a small section of his land and fence the section on his property line. If he does that, it will give about a 6-foot maximum entrance to the lot off of Chestnut Street. This is a problem. I bring this to the committee's attention, because as of last week he's moving forward with the plans to fence this off. I understand the gentleman's frustration. He's trying to run a business and work with the City. I have some real issues with this. I have been trying to alleviate parking problems there. Until very recently we've had dozens of cars parking in fire lanes, but parking enforcement has stepped up enforcement on that. I have legislation in for additional parking. But I want to bring this to the attention of the committee again, and I hope we take the time to look at this. Last year we went out to contract to rip up the cement bus loop on the south side. I asked if the north loop was going to be done and was told it would be done at the same time. It was not done, and that's in worse shape than the other. The holes in the cement are so big you can't get a wheelchair over it. That bus loop is dangerous. Public Works said they could have done the job. Maybe they can still do that bus loop... that's where we drop off kids.

**Alderman Bolton**

Thank you for bringing this to our attention. But this committee has a fairly prescribed role. When the Board of Education decides that a building project is needed and the Board of Aldermen allocates funds for that specific project, this committee oversees the construction that is contemplated. These things are important, but really need to be addressed in some of our other "roles" and appropriate committee. Hopefully we can address those important issues in other capacities. But there's nothing this committee can do about them.

**Alderman Plamondon**

I'm using Board Member Comments as a forum to address fellow Aldermen and School Board members and bring these matters to everyone's attention.

**Mrs. Kwan**

I do have a memo from Mr. Smith addressing that very issue about the loop at Elm Street. It is being taken care of.

**Mr. Clemons**

I would ask Mr. Smith to relay to Mr. Mealey once more to look into the Gate City Glass land so that we don't let a good opportunity slip by us.

**Mr. Kelley**

We did go through negotiations about that, at one time and there was no agreement between us and the individual. It was before Mr. Conrad left. You won't find that in minutes because it was handled in non-public session.

**Alderman Plamondon**

It was my understanding that he would donate the land for a small piece of it to be paved.

**Mr. Kelley**

Part of the problem was that there was a right of way situation. It won't hurt to go back and try to resolve it.

**Mr. Clemons**

To Aldermen Deane... I believe the minutes of that presentation was posted on our website today.

**Mr. Kelley**

The minutes are not verbatim, but I'm sure Mr. Smith can get the documents and presentation to you. Maybe the Board of Ed and the Budget Committee getting together to avoid having to give the presentation multiple times.

Alderman Tabacsko moved to adjourn. **So voted at 7:31 p.m.**

*Submitted by Jacki Waters*