

Wahconah Building Meeting Minutes

January 6, 2009 - Revised

Meeting called to order by Jim Huebner at 7:00

Present: Jim Huebner (chair), John Bantjes (vice chair), John Cramer, Jim Chivers, Rita Furlong, Bill Goddard, and Jim Drawe

Motion made by member Huebner and seconded by member Drawe

- To approve the minutes of the December 16, 2008 meeting.

Motion passed with two abstentions. (Cramer & Bantjes)

Funding Status

- The legislation has passed through the Senate, House and committees and is now on the governor's desk for signing.
- The process is expected to be complete within the next week.

Science Lab

- SABIC was concerned about the time table for the project considering the uncertainty of the funding status; however, the update on the legislation was reassuring that the February break time table can be met.
- SABIC has received the service units, but awaits the counter tops. The cabinets that are being reused from the SABIC labs have been painted and will be ready to install over the February break.
- The science lab sub committee will meet next week to make specific plans for any prep work that should be done before or during the 2 day work sessions in February.
- There was much General Contractor interest at the opening of bids for the Science Lab Project.
- Bids must be in to the CBRSD business office no later than 2:00 PM, Thursday, Jan. 8, 2009.
- There was some discussion as to the potential for the School Committee being asked to take out a short term loan to fund the General Contractor draws; however, billing is monthly with payment of correct invoices within fifteen days, so this may not be an issue.
- The building committee will meet again next Tuesday, January 13, 2009, at 7:00 PM in the Wahconah Library to review the bids for the Science Lab.

Auditorium Wiring

- Crosier Electric completed the electrical repairs in the auditorium over the holiday break.

OPM/Engineering Evaluation Forms

- George Desmarais sent these forms to the building committee for review. The committee will review and discuss them at a later date.

New Business

- Jim Drawe introduced two funding opportunities for the “Greening of Wahconah Projects.”
- **Department of Energy Audit Program:** is now accepting applications for free building audits until 4/15/09. The program encourages all schools to have energy audits. Regional School Districts can apply for grants of up to 5 million dollars for energy reducing projects.
- Donna Harlan, superintendent, will pursue this opportunity and may need technical assistance.
- **Mobilization for Significant Infrastructure:** As a part of the Economic Stimulus Package, The Federal Government is looking to fund “shovel ready” projects to be completed within two years. The application deadline is Thursday, January 8, 2009. Jim Drawe will submit the application for CBRSD for solar and geothermal projects.
- “Shovel ready” means that within 180 days, bid specs, bids project manager etc. should be in place. The building committee would need to solicit for an OPM soon to ready for “shovel ready” status. (OPM stands for Owner’s Project Manager)
- **Action item:** Jim Huebner will discuss placing an advertisement for the OPM with Marge Foster, CBRSD business manager, and Donna Harlan, superintendent, as soon as possible.
- **Action item:** Jim Huebner will create the first draft of the questionnaire for the OPM’s contract for editing and review by the full committee.
- There was some discussion as to Paul Schroeder’s role in the science lab project thus far and in the future.

Motion made by member Furlong and seconded by member Chivers

- To adjourn the meeting at 8:07 PM

Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned

Next Meetings – Wahconah Building Committee - January 13 & January 20, 2009 –
WRHS Library 7-9:00 PM