

PROJECT BUILDING COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Topic: New Inter-District Elementary Magnet School at
200 Strawberry Hill Avenue

Date: Wednesday, January 7, 2015

Time: 11:00 a.m.

Place: Engineering Bureau Conference Room, 7th fl./Govt. Ctr.
888 Washington Blvd., Stamford, CT

Attendees:

- *Dr. Winifred Hamilton, Supt. of Stamford Public Schools
- *Mary Savage, Board of Reps.
- *Geoff Alswanger, Board of Education
- *Rich Lyons, Board of Education Facilities
- *Joseph Coppola, Jr., Board of Reps.
- *Anne Downey, Stamford Resident
- *Steve Falcone, Board of Education
- *Jackie Heftman, Board of Education
- *Cindy Grafstein, Mayor's Office
- *Steve Falcone, Board of Education
- Ernie Orgera, Dir., Office of Operations
- *Lou Casolo, City Engineer
- *Domenic Tramontozzi, Sr. Construction Mgr., Engineering
- Al Barbarotta, Facilities, Board of Education
- Evan Simko-Bednarski, The Stamford Advocate
- Michael Pensiero, Technology
- Michael Handler, Dir. of Administration

The meeting was called to order at 11:09 a.m.

The motion to accept the minutes of the December 17, 2014 meeting was delayed.

Evan Simko-Bednarski, an education reporter with The Stamford Advocate, attended the meeting.

Lou stated that he emailed copies of the preliminary architectural plans to the committee members. He presented handouts, which detailed the plans for the existing 1925 building and the northern 1964 building with the auditorium. Also included with the handouts were color renderings of option #1; the architectural k, 1, 2 space plan that was approved at the last meeting. He mentioned that he has conferred with the Fire Marshal and Building Official to discuss code compliance. Consequently, it will be necessary to appropriate monies for light renovation.

A copy of the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) to hire a design professional was provided to each member. Lou explained that the publication of the RFQ, as mandated by state's statute, is to select the most qualified firm to provide architectural/engineering services. The selected firm must possess historical preservation credentials, as well, to qualify. The deadline for RFQ applications is February 11, 2015.

Lou suggested the creation of a subcommittee to facilitate the selection process. There will be a (6) six month timeline for the design process and (6) six months for construction. The Board of Education needs to revise the ed specs, to fall within the state's space standard requirements.

The application for funding is currently being reviewed by the State Legislature.

There is a stay on the demolition of the two dwellings on the site. The 1964 building, which is located on the south side, should be posted for demolition to make way for a new addition. During a discussion with Todd Levine of CT SHPO, Lou was informed that they are amenable to the demolition of the dwellings as long as the historic 1925 building and the barn are restored according to the National Parks Services' standards. In order to engage SHPO, an application shall be completed and submitted to them—this will trigger a site visit by them to review the proposed project.

The meeting minutes were reviewed and a motion to accept was made by Lou and seconded by Mary Savage.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

(*Denotes Committee member)