

QUAKER VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT *Special Legislative Meeting Minutes*

Board of School Directors

July 6, 2011

Call to Order and Roll Call

Directors	Directors Not Present
Ms. Danielle Burnette	
Mr. Gianni Floro	
Ms. Sarah Heres	
Ms. Debbie Miller	
Mr. Jack Norris	
Mr. David Pusateri	
	Others Present
Mr. Robert Riker <i>(via telephone until 8:20)</i>	Dr. Joseph Clapper, superintendent
Mr. Mark Rodgers	Dr. Heidi Ondek, assistant superintendent
Dr. Kausalai Wijekumar <i>(via telephone)</i>	Mr. John Sheline, director of finance & operations/school board secretary
	Mr. Patrick J. Clair, solicitor

There was an executive session at 7:00 PM.

There being a quorum present, Mr. Norris called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

- *The Quaker Valley School Board holds regularly scheduled work sessions for the purpose of examining proposals and recommendations made by the staff, public, legal counsel and the board. These proposals and recommendations are normally accompanied by background material, presentations and/or rationale. This process assures a thorough review of all items prior to being placed on the legislative agenda. The public is encouraged to attend these work sessions. Minutes from the most recent work sessions are available at legislative meetings. Approved minutes only are available on our web site: www.qvsd.org.*

VISITOR PARTICIPATION

Visitors are invited to address agenda items at the time during which they are under consideration by the board. Personnel items must be submitted in writing to the board president for consideration five days prior to the board meeting.

REPORT FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE: Mr. Riker

The board approved the amendment to the agreement for payment in lieu of taxes dated December 22, 2004 (“PILOT Agreement”) as presented.

Moved by -	Mr. Riker
Seconded by -	Mr. Floro (9-0 voice vote)

REPORT FROM THE FACILITIES & OPERATIONS COMMITTEE: Mr. Pusateri

The board approved the lowest responsible bids and alternates received for the renovation project, subject to confirmation by the architect and solicitor as follows:

1. General Construction, Contract 09053.000-01, for the amount of \$12,469,710 which includes the base bid and accepted alternates G-1; G-2b; G-4; G-5; G-6; G-7; G-8 was awarded to R.A. Glancy & Sons, Inc., Gibsonia, PA.
2. HVAC Construction, Contract 09053.000-02, for the amount of \$3,857,000 which includes the base bid and accepted alternates H-1; H-2b; H-5; H-6; H-7; H-10, was awarded to East West Manufacturing & Supply, Pittsburgh, PA.
3. Plumbing/Fire Suppression Construction, Contract 09053.000-03, for the amount of \$1,639,875 which includes the base bid and accepted alternates P-1; P-2b, Guys Mechanical, Rochester, PA.
4. Electrical Construction, Contract 09053.000-04, for the amount of \$2,126,100 which includes the base bid and accepted alternates E-1; E-2b; E-4; E-6; E-7 was awarded to A-1 Electric, Inc., Venetia, PA.
- *5. Technology/Communications Construction, Contract 09053.000-05, for the amount of \$_____ which includes the base bid and accepted alternates TC-___, TC-___, etc
6. Food Service Equipment Construction, Contract 09053.000-06, for the amount of \$535,652 which includes the base bid and no alternates was awarded Commercial Appliance, Grove City, PA.
7. Architectural Casework Construction, Contract 09053.000-07, for the amount of \$518,000 which includes the base bid and no alternates was awarded to Northeast Interior Systems, Evans City, PA.
8. Landscaping Construction, Contract 09053.000-08, for the amount of \$78,985.00 which includes the base bid and no alternates was awarded to Jupina Landscaping, Penn, PA.

The cost of the above will be taken from the 2010 bond issue fund.

Mr. Pusateri commented on the library media center, the site retaining wall, and the gymnasium.

Dr. Clapper commented that the rebid amounts were \$4.3 million less than the original bids.

Mr. Norris complimented the group that worked on revising the project for the rebid.

Mr. Pusateri commented about the sale of over 30 acres of property in Bell Acres owned by the school district. This land was unusable for a school site. He reviewed the history of the middle school project, including air conditioning, a wellness center, and space over the cafeteria. To build a new middle school was, and remains - cost prohibitive.

Mr. Foreman confirmed that the project costs remain within the Act 34 limits, meaning that another public hearing is not necessary.

Ms. Burnette commented on the cost of the project.

Mr. Riker commented on the implications of a “no” vote.

Mr. Norris commented on the cost of the project.

Mr. Floro commented on the scope of the project and the cost of the project.

Dr. Wijekumar commented on the priority of meeting the educational programmatic needs.

Ms. Miller commented on the time spent determining the design to meet the needs of the program, while also meeting the needs of the building... and then the redesign to pare down costs.

Ms. Heres recommended approving the project.

Mr. Rodgers commented on what would be lost if the district "walked away."

Mr. Norris noted that the difference could be borrowed at an historically low interest rate.

Technology was made a separate motion.

Mr. Norris called for the vote.

Moved by -	Mr. Pusateri (*except #5 and substituting #8)
Seconded by -	Mr. Floro 8-1 roll call vote (Ms. Burnette voting nay)

Mr. Riker (via telephone) left the meeting at 8:20, after the above vote.

Mr. Pusateri moved that the board reject item 5 (technology bid), return all bonds, and to direct the architect to rebid.

Moved by -	Mr. Pusateri
Seconded by -	Ms. Burnette (8-0 voice vote)

It was decided that another meeting is needed to discuss if and how to fund the remaining million middle school project cost gap.

The board authorized Eckles Architecture to prepare and submit PlanCon Part F, Attachment C, Post Bid Certification.

The board authorized Eckles Architecture to prepare and submit PlanCon Part G, Project Accounting Based on Bids.

Mr. Pusateri reminded the board of their public promise to discuss a contingency plan to ensure that the middle school students will return to Quaker Valley Middle School for the beginning of the 2012 school year.

Dr. Clapper agreed that everything, within reason, and under the control of the school district will be done to see that this occurs.

The board approved the lease agreement with Lenzner Coach Lines, as presented.

The board authorized the administration to enter into a lease with Ambridge Regional Center for leasing approximately 4,000 sq ft of space and 400 sq ft of environmentally controlled space for a cost of \$1.75 per square foot per year. Cost not to exceed \$7,000 per year to be taken from the bond fund.

The board approved the donations from the middle school renovation project at no cost to the district.

(Revised) The board authorized the administration to enter into a contract with Debo Moving at a cost of \$73,426.78 to be taken from the bond issue fund.

The board authorized the administration to move forward with P.E.M. Co. Educational Furniture and Equipment, Inc., for the middle school project at no mark-up or additional cost to the district.

Moved by -	Mr. Pusateri
Seconded by -	Mr. Floro (8-0 voice vote)

OTHER BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT 9:00 - AN EXECUTIVE SESSION FOLLOWED.

Moved by -	Ms. Burnette
Seconded by -	Mr. Pusateri (8-0 voice vote)

Respectfully submitted,

John M. Sheline
Board Secretary