

Shepaug Building Committee
Minutes of Meeting
February 6, 2017

1. *Call to Order*

In the absence of Gregory Cava, Chairman of the Shepaug Building Committee, Rebecca Devine called the meeting to order on Monday, February 6, 2017 at 5:35 PM.

Present were the following:

Committee: Rebecca Devine, Robert Horrigan, John Kuck, Alex McNaughton
Absent: Gregory Cava

Administration: Patricia Cosentino, Superintendent
Robert Giesen, Finance Director
Donald O'Leary, Facilities Manager
Kim Gallo, Shepaug Valley School

Others Present: Ken Biega, O & G Industries

2. *Approval of Minutes:*

November 16, 2016

Motion: made by Robert Horrigan, seconded by John Kuck to accept the minutes dated November 16, 2016

Vote: in favor: Rebecca Devine, Robert Horrigan, John Kuck

abstain: Alex McNaughton, stating he was not present at the November meeting.

motion passed: 3-1-0

3. *Discussion of Agriscience Project*

Project Status -It was noted that the Building Committee had not met since November 16, 2016, and since that meeting, many changes had occurred to the project foot print. Dr. Cosentino briefed the committee on the status of the changes made which brought the dollar amount of the project to under

\$30 million. Rebecca Devine also shared information on such changes. It had been noted that the Region is still working with DAS to make the foot print smaller and to know that this would not have any changes to the curriculum. There was discussion in regards to future meetings in Hartford, in particular a date to be set with Melanie Curry, Commissioner of DAS. It was stated that the State School Commission had not taken the recommendation to cut the project. Dr. Cosentino handed out an Expense Summary Report that Mr. Giesen had put together. Noted was that the Science Lab portion has to move forward for NEASC creditation. Alex had asked about the information going to the BOE this evening and to be sure all numbers were accurate before doing so.

Pending Payments – Attached to the committee packet were copies of the invoices from Kaestle Boos, Inc. and O and G Industries, Inc. Mr. Giesen stated that the BOE had already approved the payments totaling \$130,400.00 during the January 9, 2017 meeting and that next, the Building Committee needs to review the invoices and approve them in order for Mr. Giesen to write the check. Discussion followed which focused on questioning, \$7400.00 being charged monthly, and should this be invoiced to the Region monthly instead of in a lump sum. Ken Biega, O&G, addressed the question. Rebecca reminded the committee that during the BOE meeting tonight, there is a vote as to be Shovel Ready so that the Region would be able to move forward with the project. Rebecca asked if the committee would like to vote on each invoice separately or together. Also stated was that the Board of Education has already approved the payments, pending the Building Committee’s review.

MOTION: Motion made by Alex McNaughton, seconded by Robert Horrigan, to approve invoices from Kaestle Boos, \$86,000.00 and O&G Industries, \$44,400.00. Such motion is subject to approval by the Board of Education at the February 7, 2017 meeting, for approval of the consent agenda, minutes dated January 9, 2017, which includes the motion - *made by Gregory Cava, seconded by Michelle Gorra, to authorize funds owed to Kaestle Boos (\$86,000) and O&G Industries (\$49,000) for work performed for the Building Committee to prepare the projects for inclusion in the State’s Priority List dated December 15, 2016 after Building Committee reviews and authorizes to pay, and that no further approvals can be made without the Building Committee approval including that the Board must get authorization from the Building Committee for any work. VOTE: unanimous.*

VOTE: In favor: Rebecca Devine, Robert Horrigan, Alex McNaughton

Opposed: John Kuck

Motion passed 3-1

Discussion continued regarding the amount of \$7400 being billed by O&G and should the billing be monthly? It was stated that as of this point, there are no expenses due.

Upcoming Decisions – It was agreed that should the BOE vote to move forward at this evenings meeting, that the Building Committee would meet Monday, February 13, at 6:00pm. It had been suggested that if this meeting should happen, reviewing the committee obligations, should be placed on the agenda.

5. *Adjournment:*

Motion made by Alex McNaughton and seconded by John Kuck that there being no further business to come before the committee, to adjourn at 6:47 p.m.

Vote: unanimous