

HYDE PARK SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
HYDE PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LIBRARY
MONDAY, MAY 1, 2017

Board members present: Richard Bailey, Lisa Barry, Chasity Fagnant, Patti Hayford, Raven Walters

Others: Diane Reilly, Catherine Gallagher, Deborah Baker, Dylan Laflam, Colin Lindberg, Randy Burnett, Maxine Adams, Paul Trudell, one other community member

Note: All votes taken are unanimous unless otherwise noted.

1. *Call to Order*

L. Barry called the meeting to order at 6:00.

2. *Approval of Agenda*

L. Barry said she wanted to add ratification of any votes taken on April 3 because the agenda for that meeting was not posted on the website, as L. Barry didn't have website access. She also asked to add discussion of locations for any meetings the board needs to hold after June.

P. Hayford moved to approve the agenda with the requested changes. R. Bailey seconded and the motion was passed.

3. *Review of General Contractor Bids*

Colin Lindberg said 4 of the 6 general contractors who were pre-qualified submitted bids. The bidding was very close, with only a little over half a percent difference between bids. (*Paul Trudell arrived at 6:04.*) We said we would award the contract based on the base bid plus alternates. Wright & Morrissey was the low bidder using a variety of different alternates. We have about 41 alternates. Most are deducts. The low bid was about \$9,300,000 and we need to get the cost down to about \$8,400,000. We need to bring it down by choosing some of the alternates. C. Lindberg feels the contractors really did due diligence in understanding the scope of the project. Wright & Morrissey also offered the shortest amount of time to finish the project: 255 days. That would put the project finish in March. It would have been April or May with the other bidders. (Some activities like planting grass that need to wait until warmer weather would be completed after that date.) The design team will confirm which alternates to choose and then offer final recommendations.

C. Fagnant asked if there are any substantial deductions that will affect the project a lot. C. Lindberg said some are esthetics – things like whether to use stone or brick. A tough one is the gym. He wanted to make the texture better, but there is a lot of expense connected to that. We need to simplify. We will not be leaving places unpainted or unfinished. We are not scrimping on lighting. We have filed with labor and industry and the fire marshal. We still need to get their interpretation of a few things.

R. Walters asked where the \$8.4 million figure came from. What is the reason for the difference between that and the bond amount? D. Laflam said it is because of costs like design and engineering fees, the cost to move off-site, and hazardous waste removal. D. Clark said we also have temporary borrowing costs. D. Laflam and D. Clark said we have to include contingencies, also. R. Bailey asked, so we are trying to get Wright & Morrissey down to \$8.4 million? C. Lindberg said yes. L. Barry said even though the bond was \$9.8 million, we only have \$8.4 million to work with for the major construction. D. Clark said with the \$300K contingency the total project cost will be \$8.7 million.

4. *Action on General Contractor Bids*

C. Fagnant moved to award the contract for the building renovation project to Wright & Morrissey with the project cost not to exceed \$8,400,000 along with a project contingency of \$300,000, R. Walters seconded and the motion was passed.

R. Walters moved to authorize the district business manager to enter into an agreement with Wright & Morrissey not to exceed \$8,400,000 including final scope as recommended and approved by the design team, along with a project contingency of \$300,000, C. Fagnant seconded and the motion was passed.

5. *Action on Asbestos Contract*

We also received bids for asbestos abatement. Bids were received from Mansfield Environmental and Catamount Environmental. Catamount's bid of \$70,750 was the lowest. *(The members of the public left at 6:29.)*

The first people here working on the project will be the asbestos abatement people. C. Gallagher asked what day we will be out of the building. D. Reilly said June 13 is the last day students will be here. We hand the building over to the contractor on June 19.

R. Walters moved to approve administration's recommendation to award the asbestos abatement contract to Catamount Environmental in an amount not to exceed \$70,750 and to authorize the business manager to execute the contract, C. Fagnant seconded and the motion was passed. *(R. Burnett and C. Lindberg left at 6:35.)*

6. *Approve Consent Agenda (Minutes 4/3/17) / Ratify April 3 Votes*

R. Bailey moved to approve the minutes of April 3, 2017 and to ratify any votes taken that night because the agenda of that meeting was not on the school website, P. Hayford seconded and the motion was passed with R. Walters abstaining because she was not a board member at the last meeting.

7. *Other Business*

Richard said he would like to have school newsletters mailed or emailed to him. D. Reilly said she will make sure that happens.

D. Reilly said there will be open houses in May to allow people to walk through the facilities HPES will be using at the Plaza and at GMTCC.

C. Gallagher said staff should be notified that it is preferred that faculty and staff park in back at the Plaza. D. Reilly said there is not enough room. C. Gallagher and D. Clark said Howard Manosh asked that as many people as possible park in the back. D. Reilly said she intends to assign parking spaces that are far away from the businesses.

D. Reilly said she has been considering where to take students on June 12 and 13 so they can have cover if it rains. She is trying to get the Shape Center at Johnson State College for June 12 and the Bijou theater for June 13. There would be a G-rated movie for younger students and a PG movie for older students. Parents of 3rd graders could decide which movie their child should see. C. Gallagher asked if there could be an educational component to the day rather than having students watch movies. D. Reilly said she knows of whole schools that go to the movies a couple of times a year. L. Barry said she doesn't have a problem with it at the end of the year. D. Reilly said it would be a half day. She says students rarely watch movies in the classroom at HPES, unless there is some educational connection. P. Hayford said the educational component could be learning how to act in public. D. Reilly said some students never go to a movie. She has about 200 students and the bus company told her she has to be within a 45-minute bus ride. L. Barry said classes take trips to the beach. This allows students all to be in one space. She thinks it makes more sense than trying to disperse groups to different locations. D. Reilly said she wanted a place that was safe and would not require massive coordination from parents.

8. Location for Board Meetings After June

L. Barry said the board should be thinking about where to hold meetings after June if a meeting is required. The tech center is probably an option. P. Hayford suggested the town offices. She can find out about availability. D. Reilly asked if the board would want to meet at the Plaza. L. Barry said she thinks meetings should be in this town. D. Laflam said the high school library is almost always available. L. Barry said she will put further discussion of this on the next agenda.

9. Other Business

D. Reilly said today there was a massive leak in the preschool room. There was no preschool today and there will be no preschool for the rest of the week.

L. Barry said she would like the newsletter, FAQ, etc., to be sent out to all board members.

10. Adjourn

P. Hayford moved to adjourn at 6:58, R. Walters seconded, and the motion was passed.

Minutes submitted by Donna Griffiths