

MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING
FACILITY SUBCOMMITTEE
GUILFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION
NOVEMBER 1, 2010
7:00 A.M. – CENTRAL OFFICE NORTH

IN ATTENDANCE: Mary Beeman, Keith Bishop, Barbara Dudley, John Ireland, Alan Meyers, Chris Moore and Sue Renner. Ted Zuse joined the meeting in progress.

BOARD OF EDUCATION STAFF: Thomas Forcella, Andy Potochney, Cliff Gurnham and Linda Trudeau

Mr. Ireland called the meeting to order at 7:02 a.m.

A discussion of the proposals received for Pre-Referendum Services from Newman Architects, JCJ Architecture and Tia Soo Kim Architects was held. Mr. Ireland stated that the proposal from Newman Architects is \$249,000, JCJ Architecture's proposal is \$42,500 and Tai Soo Kim Architects' is \$73,500. Mr. Ireland added that the proposal from Newman Architects is too high to consider.

Mrs. Dudley stated that through her work with LEARN she meets with JCJ Architecture monthly and that she finds them great to work with. Mrs. Beeman stated that after the failed referendum, she felt that the District needed more marketing for this project. Mrs. Beeman added that Tai Soo Kim is very impressive at marketing. She added that either firm could do the work but was leaning towards Tai Soo Kim Architects. Mrs. Dudley noted that she was impressed with JCJ Architecture's plan to help pass this referendum.

A discuss of whether a price could be renegotiated for this project was held. After reviewing the RFP, it was decided that the price could not be renegotiated.

Dr. Forcella stated that JCJ Architecture has more experience with this type of project in Connecticut. Dr. Forcella added that he has spoken with the Superintendent in Plainville and that they are very happy with the work that JCJ Architecture has done there. Dr. Forcella also stated that he could not look past the lower cost and could not justify spending more.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Bishop and seconded by Dr. Moore the subcommittee voted three in favor and one against forwarding a recommendation to the Board that JCJ Architecture be hired to complete the Pre-Referendum Services for Guilford High School.

Mr. Ireland stated that the recommendation of the architect will be on the regular Board meeting of November 8, 2010. A discuss of whether a Board member could vote by a proxy vote at the meeting was held.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Bishop and seconded by Dr. Moore the subcommittee voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Trudeau