

**SHELTON HIGH SCHOOL
RENOVATION COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING
SHS – TEACHER’S WORKROOM
120 MEADOW STREET
JUNE 20, 2007**

Chairman Anthony Simonetti called the meeting to order at 6:08 PM.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairman Simonetti.

Roll Call:

Marty Coughlin
John Fitzgerald
Michelle Kawalautzki
Freda Keklik, absent
Joe Pereira (VC), excused
Anthony Savignano
Anthony Simonetti
Raymond Sullivan, absent
Sean Sullivan

A quorum of 6 present, 1 excused and 2 absent

Others in attendance:

Bill Banfe, Operations Manager
Don Ramia, SHS, Headmaster
Doug Shearer, Fusco – Project Manager
Dave Gioiello, IH & SC
David Presutto, SHS
Nadine Howard, PTSO
Robin Willink, Superintendent of Schools
Patricia Lilling, Recording Secretary

Marty Coughlin made a motion to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters, seconded by Anthony Savignano, vote 6-0, motion passed.

Executive session began at 6:10 PM. All entered into executive session except the following: Don Ramia, David Presutto, Doug Shearer, Nadine Howard, and Patricia Lilling.

Marty Coughlin made a motion to return to regular session, seconded by Anthony Savignano, vote 6-0, motion passed.

Regular session resumed at 6:20 PM.

Marty Coughlin made a motion to approve the minutes of the special meeting on May 16, 2007, seconded by Michelle Kawalautzki, vote 6-0, motion carried.

Marty Coughlin made a motion to approve the minutes of the special meeting of May 25, 2007, seconded by Anthony Savignano, vote 6-0, motion passed.

Dave Gioiello of IH & SC was present and asked to define recent developments to the committee. A crew was beginning to remove glass drains in the laboratories in the Science area. As they began with the first drains mercury was detected and had collected in the pipes. The crew immediately stopped work and contacted Doug Shearer. The area was sealed with precautions taken in the event of a leak. Hazardous waste disposal companies were invited to review the situation and evaluate including pricing. Bill Banfe gave Dave permission to discuss the situation with DEP noting mercury is a hazardous waste. At noon a field representative came to the high school. The approach is to take the piping in sections, drain, clean, test, if clean, disposed of in one manner, if not, disposed of differently. The field rep agreed that was the plan was good. A committee member asked for the feet involved. Doug Shearer was not sure of the exact linear feet however, he opened the plan and described the expanse of the area all under the 4th floor science rooms and most probably 2 science rooms on the 3rd floor. Dave Gioiello said all the collars used were loosened, checked, and sealed to make sure there were no problems there allowing the asbestos abatement to continue.

The committee discussed the situation, voiced their concerns, questions. Dave Gioiello explained that costs would be different because trained technicians would need to remove the hazardous waste as well as barrel disposal costs. Although a serious condition, Doug Shearer said a preliminary verbal plan has been put into place within 24 hours. He also felt a designer solution would be required. It was stated that IH & SC would need committee approval to proceed due to the need for additional funds. There would be a refund/credit from the plumbers which may offset the additional fees; however, it will cost more. The question is where to take the money from. It was suggested by Doug Shearer it be considered a scope increase not a construction contingency. Sean Sullivan questioned that strategy stating the mercury is an unforeseen problem. There was never an indication that mercury was in the building. Mr. Sullivan feels this is an unforeseen hazardous material. Mr. Shearer said he was following direction given; the committee would need to pursue this with management of Fusco.

John Fitzgerald made a motion to authorize Dave Gioiello to pursue writing specs and cost of removal of waste pipes with three subcontractors' estimates to work specified with subcommittee review in most expedited

way, seconded by Marty Coughlin, (Committee discussion took place regarding charges, per day, per team, day charge. Additional discussion took place regarding testing and removal. Dave Gioiello explained the charges are for the barrel, disposal of the barrel, and pick up of the barrel. Michelle Kawalautzki asked if Dave had a ballpark, he responded approximately \$35,000) **Vote 6-0, motion passed.**

John Fitzgerald made a motion to authorize the chairman to pursue source of funding to cover work needed for piping removal, seconded by Sean Sullivan, vote 6-0, motion passed.

John Fitzgerald made a motion to authorize Doug Shearer to pursue credit from plumbing contractor, seconded by Sean Sullivan, vote 6-0, motion passed.

Dave Presutto offered his assistance if necessary, and that he wanted to make the building committee aware of strict safety guidelines and rules regarding any chemical waste and that plans are in place.

Work Session:

Construction update by Fusco, Doug Shearer:
Phase 2A – complete with exception of punch list.

The addition on the third floor (weight room is in use) is complete and the fourth floor is being final cleaned for inspection and approval.

Roof – ductwork along with ductwork insulation and piping connections are continuing at all air handling units. Roof penetration work is almost complete.

Mezzanine Science rooms are complete minus connections to teacher work stations, final cleaning and punch list.

Life Skills area is complete.

Fourth floor Science area work in ongoing. This included MEP disconnect and demolition, wall demolition, chemical top removal, and set up of containment for flooring abatement.

Committee discussion followed:

Anthony Simonetti mentioned the elevator completely disassembled.

He also asked about the auditorium issues and if they have been resolved. Sean Sullivan followed up regarding the sound and that the front didn't have the sound needed. They are looking to the people who did the installation to follow up and

add that cost to the scope. Seat problems, loose bolts, ripped seats, have all been addressed.

Marty Coughlin asked about the cost estimate for the TV studio. Dan Casinelli is supposed to be putting costs together, nothing as yet.

Sean Sullivan brought up the stage floor and said the floor appears to be getting worse with bubbles. He said you trip just walking across it because of all the bubbles. He discussed the material used which was supposed to be ½ inch masonite, and he knows that is not what was used (product doesn't exist) or is it to spec. Something needs to be done before the fall. Doug Shearer added that masonite is available in 1/8 inch or ¼ inch and they had received authorization to use ¼ inch. The committee felt that they needed input from Fletcher-Thompson as to installation and what was done. The committee discussion continued on how the masonite was installed, not tempered, no gaps left for expansion. Mr. Shearer said the manufacturer states the masonite used was tempered and that the specs did not indicate gaps. He felt FT is needed to get out there, take a look, determine what's needed, and what needs to be done to resolve the stage situation. Doug Shearer commented that we (Fusco Corp.) are here to make it right.

Anthony Simonetti asked that Fusco provide the maintenance/custodian office with a schedule of work so that custodial cleaning of the building for summer can be done after construction work. He also added that he wished to have rooms painted that are not part of the renovation plan - perhaps hiring a "college crew" to aid in the painting specifically classrooms and areas not affected by the pipe removal that will take place.

Marty Coughlin made a motion to get an estimate for the painting of classrooms and replacing ceiling tiles in those classrooms not part of the renovation plan, seconded by Sean Sullivan, vote 6-0, motion carried.

Marty Coughlin discussed the first Scope Sub Committee meeting and that Sean Sullivan (by phone), Bill Banfe, and Ken LaCroix were present to develop a list of things they have prioritized. He listed the items as security issues, painting and reparation of ceilings, additional auditorium stage issues, TV studio, appliances for FC & S, boiler room repairs, painting, and that building and grounds should have plans for the "trailer area" in mind.

Anthony Simonetti asked Doug Shearer to update the committee on the boiler room and the door replacement. Doug provided a description of what was to take place. Anthony questioned using the same size door again. He followed up with using a garage type/style door so easy access to the boilers is provided.

Marty Coughlin asked if anything was to go before the Board of Alderman. Anthony said the item he wishes to present will require more detail for the Board.

The item in question is to make \$50,000 approved/available for use as needed. He would be following up with John Anglace.

Mr. Ramia asked that something be done (perhaps a barrier of some kind) in the back of the building between the grass and the asphalt.

Anthony Savignano made a motion to approve the summary of invoices submitted to the committee on 6/20/07 (Anthony Savignano read all 18 in total, amount \$1,553,270.34), seconded by John Fitzgerald, vote 6-0, motion carried.

Mr. Savignano wanted to make a motion for the committee to thank Alice Taylor for all her efforts and dedication in past years with a thank you and flowers, seconded by John Fitzgerald, vote 6-0, motion passed.

Marty Coughlin made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Sean Sullivan, vote 6-0, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Lilling
Recording Secretary, SHS Renovation Committee
June 27, 2007