

**SHELTON HIGH SCHOOL
RENOVATION COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING
120 MEADOW STREET
Room 317 B
May 27, 2009**

Chairman Anthony Simonetti called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Anthony Simonetti.

Roll Call:

Present: Marty Coughlin, John Fitzgerald, Anthony Simonetti, Anthony Savignano, and Sean Sullivan (6:10 PM - via cell phone/conference call).

Absent: Raymond Sullivan; **Excused:** Joe Pereira, Michelle Kawalautzki.

Quorum: 5 present and 3 absent

Others in attendance: Bill Banfe - Operations Manager, Doug Shearer - Fusco Project Manager, Dan Casinelli – Fletcher - Thompson, Mike Duane of Superior Mechanical, Ken LaCroix, Supervisor - BOE Custodial/Maintenance, Patricia Lilling - Recording secretary

Marty Coughlin made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of May 13, 2009, seconded by John Fitzgerald, vote 5-0, motion carried.

Work Session:

Clogged Sanitary Line: Dan Casinelli distributed a packet containing several diagrams regarding the sanitary lines. Mr. Casinelli examined the existing drawings and took a look at the existing conditions (area is still open). He described to the committee what has taken place and explained the diagrams distributed. The existing drawings show that the existing sanitary lines fed back to the 6 inch line, however looking in the field the line feeds in a different direction to a different line. Ken LaCroix had an opportunity to explain what his maintenance crew did stating that after the work done by the BOE maintenance department the line is working and has been for three weeks. Mr. LaCroix added that according to one of the Kay Plumbing Contractor reps the 6 inch main was near the wall. It appears the existing drawings do not match what is actually there. It was also considered that there is probably not an as built to show any changes made over the years. Anthony Simonetti asked if everything was working to which Mr. LaCroix replied yes, but he intends to keep the area open for some time to be sure the problem has been corrected. He expressed his concern that the problem was left to the maintenance department as their problem and that new toilets were not working. Marty Coughlin expressed that perhaps the change of usage for the line from grey water to a waste water line caused problems. The committee continued extensive discussion of the subject.

Chairman Simonetti summarized the situation by saying the line is now working, the work was done by the BOE maintenance department, as built from 31 years ago were not up to date, plumber Kay tied into the existing line assuming it had the correct pitch and it was the correct line. Mr. LaCroix was requesting reimbursement for work done. He gave the committee a rough estimate of \$4700.00 at completion. The committee suggested Ken LaCroix submit documentation/invoice to request payment. Marty Coughlin mentioned that the building renovation was not a total building renovation, but that some areas were renovated, and that there may be interface problems along the way. It then becomes a question for the committee if there is liability on the part of the committee to absorb some of those costs. However, this should not become a never ending situation. Bill Banfe agrees, however not with this particular situation and Marty Coughlin said obviously it should be a decision made on a case by case basis.

Marty Coughlin made a motion to table discussion of the sanitary line until the next regularly scheduled meeting to further discuss at that time, seconded by John Fitzgerald, vote 5-0, motion carried.

Boiler Replacement - Discussion of Combustion Company Report:

Mike Duane of Superior Mechanical distributed the report issued by Combustion Installations, Enfield, CT. Included in the report was a summary of what the combustion company found with each of the boilers as well as burner test data for boilers #1 and #2 (knowing that the result of the third boiler would be identical/similar to the first two), and pictures. Mr. Duane explained what they were looking for like hot spots and where leaks were coming from. The biggest concern with the burner test data are the draft readings under furnace for Boiler #1. He outlined the readings which ranged at low .5" to high 5.2" with the recommendation for draft of 1". The uptake at all negatives is what the reading should be. Boiler #2 reads the same. There was discussion of combustion air. Mike Duane added that the small boiler is gas fired and is dumping into the same chimney as the oil fired boilers.

Precision came out last week to examine the boilers. The representatives spent three days, and a crane was brought in to check the top of the chimney. There is no report from Precision as yet. It is expected that Precision will get back to Superior with their recommendation as to the problem with the boilers next week. The committee continued discussion as to the recommendation of what will take place. The boilers are not performing properly, high pressure inside boilers; there are no answers as yet. Until Precision can tell Superior what is wrong and what the recommendation is for resolution, Mr. Duane cannot make any suggestions. Anthony Savignano suggested bringing in a second opinion if necessary. Dan Casinelli said that he could not make a recommendation at this time, but once the report from Precision is received and reviewed he will be able to make a determination. The committee wanted to give Precision a deadline to submit the report as there is not much time if boilers need replacement (6-8

weeks lead time). It was suggested that the Chairman contact corporate counsel Tom Welch as to the current situation. Anthony Simonetti stated that this committee does not have the funds to replace these boilers.

Marty Coughlin made a motion to authorize the Chairman in conjunction with Dan Casinelli to draft a letter to corporation counsel to appraise him of the current situation, what has been done to date, the seriousness of the situation and possible ramifications of the situation, the need for possible legal action, that a report on the boiler evaluation done by Precision be supplied on or before June 1, 2009 to Superior Mechanical, and indicate the 6-8 weeks lead time needed to install new boilers if needed, with the resolution to be discussed at the next regular meeting, seconded by Anthony Savignano, vote 5-0, motion carried.

Marty Coughlin wanted to be sure that the Board of Education has a copy of these minutes.

Anthony Savignano made a motion to recommend payment to Patricia Lilling for the regular meeting minutes of May 13, 2009 (\$97.71), seconded by John Fitzgerald, vote 5-0, motion carried.

Marty Coughlin made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by John Fitzgerald, vote 5-0, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Lilling

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Recording Secretary
June 1, 2009