

**REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
EDUCATION SUBCOMMITTEE  
AUGUST 29, 2006**

A meeting of the Education Subcommittee of the Regional School District No. 17 Board of Education was held August 29, 2006, in the lower level of the Haddam-Killingworth Media Center. Board of Education Chair Robert Baranoff opened the meeting and turned the meeting over the Education Subcommittee Chair Jo Ferjak.

Members present: Jo Ferjak, Diane Stock, Nancy Gorski, Robert Baranoff, Richard Cabral, Mark Almeida, Daniel Cronin, and John O'Leary. Michael Trahan arrived at 7:35 p.m.

Members absent: Amy Jacques-Purdy and Douglas Stevenson.

Also present: Superintendent of Schools Gary S. Mala, Interim Director of Fiscal Operations James Gaskins, and Board Clerk Ann Lang.

**Reception for New Staff**

Killingworth Elementary School Principal Rita Peretto, Burr Elementary School Principal Eric Larson, Haddam Elementary School Principal Janice Gordon, H-K Middle School Principal Mim Wagner and Assistant Principal Michael Susi, and H-K High School Principal Charles Macunas and Associate Principal Connie Bombaci introduced their new staff, many of whom were in attendance at the meeting.

(Mr. Trahan arrived)

A recess was announced at 7:40. Ms. Ferjak reconvened the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

**2006-07 School Year Priorities**

Mr. Mala reviewed the priorities for the year and noted they could be found on the web site. He stated the agenda is aggressive. He noted he will provide the Board with quarterly reports.

**Discussion and Action on Nichol's Transportation Contract**

Mr. Gaskins distributed a memo he had written to Mr. Mala in which Nichol's Bus Service has agreed to again contract with the district to transport students living in Haddam Neck at a cost of \$77,005.70 for 2006-07, which is a 4 percent increase over last year. He stated that it had been hoped that the Haddam Neck runs could be absorbed into the district's transportation system this year, but due to the last minute resignation of four bus drivers, it became necessary to contract with Nichol's for the 2006-07 school year.

He noted the decision has been reviewed and approved by the Facilities and Transportation Subcommittee.

Mr. Baranoff **MOVED** and Mr. Almeida **SECONDED** that the Board of Education contract with Nichol's Bus Service to transport students in the Haddam Neck area for \$77,005.70. Motion passed unanimously.

**Discussion and Action on Furniture, Fixtures, and Equipment Contracts for the New Haddam-Killingworth Middle School**

Mr. Gaskins distributed a cost summary by vendor from JCJ Architecture for the furniture, fixtures, and equipment for the new middle school. The following bids were awarded:

1. Mr. Almeida **MOVED** and Mr. Cabral **SECONDED** that the Board approve the bid from WB Mason Co., Inc., in category A, entire category; category E, items 1, and 3-5; and category H, entire category, in the amount of \$66,371.53. Motion passed unanimously.
2. Mr. Almeida **MOVED** and Mr. Cabral **SECONDED** that the Board approve the bid from Robert H. Lord Company in category B, items 0-8 and 11; category C, entire category; category D, item 6; category J, items 0-2 and 9; category Q, items 0 and 1; and category S, items 0-2, in the amount of \$295,472.35. Motion passed unanimously.
3. Mr. Almeida **MOVED** and Mr. Cabral **SECONDED** that the Board approve the bid from Insalco Corporation in category B, items 9 and 10; category D, items 3 and 7; category E, item 2; category F, entire category; category L, item 12; category Q, items 2, 3, 5, 7, 16, 20, 24, 25, 32, 41, 43-55, and 57-59; category U, items 21, 23, 24, 29, 30, 38, 39-42, 44, and 45; and category X, items 4, 32-44, in the amount of \$240,536.35. Motion passed unanimously.
4. Mr. Almeida **MOVED** and Mr. Cabral **SECONDED** that the Board approve the bid from Office Furniture, Inc., in category D, items 1, 2, 4 and 5; and category L, item 1, in the amount of \$59,431.19. Motion passed unanimously.
5. Mr. Almeida **MOVED** and Mr. Cabral **SECONDED** that the Board approve the bid from Equipment Environments in category D, items 8 and 9; category M, items 1, 2, 4-6, 12-40, 42, 43, and 48-55; category N, items 1-32, 35, 36, 44-52, 55, 56, 58, 62-65, and 67-70; category O, items 2 and 3; category U, items 18-20, 23, 26-28, 31, 32, 43, 46-51, 53-55, and 57-59; and category X, item 14, in the amount of \$178,560.05. Motion passed unanimously.

6. Mr. Almeida **MOVED** and Mr. Cabral **SECONDED** that the Board approve the bid from Monitor Equipment Co., Inc., in category L, items 8-11 and 19-24; and category V, entire category, in the amount of \$44,465.76. Motion passed unanimously.
7. Mr. Almeida **MOVED** and Mr. Cabral **SECONDED** that the Board approve the bid from Wenger Corporation, in category M, items 3, 8-11, 41, 44-47, and 56-58, in the amount of \$60,251. Motion passed unanimously.
8. Mr. Almeida **MOVED** and Mr. Cabral **SECONDED** that the Board approve the bid from C.A.V.E.S. in category S, items 7-10, 17, 18, and 21-23, in the amount of \$55,576.20.
9. Mr. Almeida **MOVED** and Mr. Cabral **SECONDED** that the Board approve the bid from School Furnishings in category L, items 2-6 and 13-18; and, category X, item 3, in the amount of \$79,782.70. Motion passed unanimously.
10. Mr. Almeida **MOVED** and Mr. Cabral **SECONDED** that the Board approve the bid from Allston Supply Co. in category J, item 13; category P, items 1-4, 6, 9-11, 13, 18-33, 39, 46, and 57-60; category S, items 3, 4, and 24; and category Y, items 234-236, in the amount of \$40,059.37. Motion passed unanimously.
11. Mr. Almeida **MOVED** and Mr. Cabral **SECONDED** that the Board approve the bid from Brodhead-Garrett Co. in category J, items 3-5, 8, and 10, in the amount of \$8,141.37. Motion passed unanimously.
12. Mr. Almeida **MOVED** and Mr. Cabral **SECONDED** that the Board approve the bid from Sargent-Welch, in category J, item 14; category P, item 62; category Q, items 10 and 26; and category S, items 5, 11-16, and 25, in the amount of \$20,471.98. Motion passed unanimously.
13. Mr. Almeida **MOVED** and Mr. Cabral **SECONDED** that the Board approve the bid from Hall's Power Equipment in category P, items 16 and 47, in the amount of \$15,369. Motion passed unanimously.

#### **Discussion and Action on Technology Contracts for the New Haddam-Killingworth Middle School**

Director of Information Technology Edward Goetz presented the results of the technology bid to the Board. Based on the Technology Committee's recommendation, Mr. Almeida **MOVED** and Mr. Cabral **SECONDED** that the Board approve the Ergonomics bid for computers and related items, category 1, in the amount of \$709,775. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Almeida *MOVED* and Mr. Cabral *SECONDED* to award HB Communications, Inc., the bid for AV equipment, category 2, for a total of \$293,340. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Almeida *MOVED* and Mr. Cabral *SECONDED* to award Follett the bid for library management, category 4, for a total of \$9,876. Discussion ensued and Mr. Mala stated that he would review library management software based on the Board's questions and return to the Board with his findings. Mr. Cabral *MOVED* to table action on the library management bid of \$9,876 until the September 19 Education Committee meeting. Mr. Almeida *SECONDED*. Motion to table passed unanimously.

Mr. Mala stated that the Building Committee favored securing the services of DTC to look into the feasibility of irrigation of the athletic fields at the new middle school.

### **Discussion and Action on Fuel Contract Awards**

Mr. Gaskins distributed the results of the four bids received for (1) No. 4 fuel oil and gasoline and (2) No. 2 fuel oil and diesel. The towns of Haddam, Killingworth, Durham, and Middlefield were offered the opportunity to participate in bid 2; the towns of Haddam and Killingworth were offered the opportunity to participate in bid 1.

No Board action was required because according to Board policy the bid is awarded to the lowest bidder: Bid 1, no. 4 fuel oil went to Buckley Energy; gasoline went to East River Energy; bid 2, no. 2 fuel oil went to Tuxis Ohrs; diesel fuel went to Tuxis Ohrs.

### **Alternative Energies Task Force**

Mr. Mala reported the committee visited Mohegan Sun to examine self-sustaining environments. The committee is interested in starting a pilot project to process bio-diesel fuel. The Haddam First Selectman has offered his support in whatever decision the committee makes.

### **Legal Matters**

Mr. Cabral *MOVED* and Mr. Almeida *SECONDED* that the Board enter executive session to discuss legal matters. Motion passed unanimously at 8:40 p.m.

Members present: Jo Ferjak, Diane Stock, Nancy Gorski, Robert Baranoff, Richard Cabral, Mark Almeida, Daniel Cronin, Michael Trahan, and John O'Leary.

Members absent: Amy Jacques-Purdy and Douglas Stevenson.

Also present: Superintendent of Schools Gary S. Mala and Interim Director of Fiscal Operations James Gaskins. Mr. Gaskins left at 9:38 p.m.

Mr. Cabral **MOVED** and Mr. Almeida **SECONDED** that the Board move out of executive session. Motion passed unanimously at 9:50 p.m.

Mr. Cabral **MOVED** and Mr. O'Leary **SECONDED** that the Board approve payment to the town of Killingworth for appropriate building fees in the amount of \$48,486.90 as payment in full for services rendered through June 30, 2006. Motion passed. Aye: Jo Ferjak, Diane Stock, Nancy Gorski, Richard Cabral, Daniel Cronin, Michael Trahan, and John O'Leary. Nay: Robert Baranoff and Mark Almeida.

**Adjournment**

Mr. Cabral **MOVED** and Mr. O'Leary **SECONDED** the meeting be adjourned. Motion passed unanimously at 9:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Lang, Board Clerk

Approval:

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Amy Jacques-Purdy, Secretary

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Date

**Approved as presented at the October 3, 2006 Board of Education meeting.**