

MINUTES
**TOWN OF DARIEN BOARD OF EDUCATION CENTRAL OFFICE/
MATHER CENTER BUILDING COMMITTEE**

Tuesday, September 25, 2012

The regular meeting of the Town of Darien Board of Education Central Office/Mather Center Building Committee was held on July 24, 2012. Present were Chairman David Campbell, Louis Gesauldi, Elizabeth Hagerty-Ross and John Hertz. Also present was Town Administrator Karl Kilduff, Board of Education Facilities Director Michael Lynch, Clerk of the Works John Ryan, and Architect Rusty Malik.

Vice Chairman Robin Woods was absent.

The meeting to order at 12:04 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

a) Discuss and Take Action on Award of Bids

The focus of the meeting was the bid for the Board of Education phase as this part of project needed to advance the soonest. Chairman Campbell noted that a special meeting might be needed the following week to approve the bid and value engineering to reduce the cost of the Mather Center. Value engineering to reduce the cost of the Central Office has been developed and reviewed by Board of Education staff and was ready for action.

The Committee reviewed a memo from the apparent low bidder of Dappreio Construction which outlined value engineering changes to the project which would reduce the low bid amount. Discuss of items on the list included:

- Removal of carpeting in office areas in favor of VCT tile
- Possible changes to the mechanical system including replacement of controls to a firm preferred by the Board of Education
- Change to the ceiling tile configuration
- Removal of alarms in lower level if approved by the Fire Marshal
- Code clarification from the Fire Marshal on the large meeting room to eliminate a new wall and extend carpeting
- Install ceramic tile in the restrooms as a wainscot rather than full height
- Evaluate alternate lighting fixtures

Mr. Lynch was to coordinate with Education departments to determine which offices preferred VCT to tile and report back to the Committee so the change order value could be calculated.

October 4 remained the anticipated start date for the contractor. It was the Committee's intention to have the value engineering change order completed at the same times as the contract was executed.

b) Project Update on Board of Education Central Office Phase

It was reported that the hazardous materials abatement was to be completed during the week. Additionally, the bid opening for removal of the underground storage tanks were to be opened.

c) Project Update on Mather Center Phase

It was reported that a similar value engineering process was on-going with the Mather Center's apparent low bidder as the Central Office.

Hazardous materials abatement specifications are still pending from Hygenix. John Ryan was to coordinate with Hygenix staff to identify any necessary actions to move the process forward so this piece of the project could be put out for bid.

d) Other Items of Relevance to the Committee

The Committee discussed the necessary levels of coordination between the architects and the Town to document the project for the State reimbursement grants.

Ms. Hagerty-Ross moved, seconded by Mr. Gesauldi, to approve the minutes of September 11, 2012. The motion passed 4-0.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Karl F. Kilduff
Administrative Officer