

March 9, 2011

CITY OF SHELTON  
SHELTON HIGH SCHOOL RENOVATION BUILDING COMMITTEE  
REGULAR MEETING      MARCH 9, 2011  
Shelton High School – Room 317B

Committee Chairman Anthony Simonetti called the meeting of the Shelton High School Renovation committee to order at 6:38 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Present: Anthony Simonetti, Russ Bonaccorso, John Boyko, Marty Coughlin, Michelle Kawalautzki, Sean Sullivan (arrived at 7:00 P.M.). Absent: John Belden, John Fitzgerald, Joseph Pereira (excused). Also present: Bill Banfe, Rit Bellefleur-VP of Steel Tech and Teresa Milyo, recording secretary.

**Anthony Simonetti asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting of February 9, 2011, so moved by Michelle Kawalautzki, seconded by Russ Bonaccorso. Vote 5-0, motion carried.**

Anthony Simonetti asked that Rit Bellefleur to discuss the situation with the interior doors and exterior doors. *Exterior Doors* - Mr. Simonetti read from a communication from Dan Casinelli that the tieback and the security system are not complete and he is having problems with Amano on getting equipment. Rit feels he could finish quickly once he has all the information he needs. Mr. Simonetti advised that in his discussion with Ken LaCroix today, Mr. LaCroix stated that Rit has never asked him for anything. Rit advised that he had asked Ken LaCroix if he could get the information for him on the existing Amano system that was in place. That information is not clearly written on the system itself. Rit realizes that Ken is very busy and probably just forgot about their conversation. Amano has not been very gracious in getting him any information. Rit met with Amano and spent about 4 hours of his time that day. He went out to see them and they showed him the plans. They discussed some possibilities of how to run things so that it does not disrupt too much of the building. Rit then told Amano to let him know what it is and he will cut him a purchase order because we need to get this done. Amano then advised that Rit needed to get the model number of the system that's in place. Rit went to SHS to look at it with a custodian and took pictures of it and there was nothing on it that tells him the model number. He called Amano back and told them he couldn't find the model and asked if they could look it up in their records. Amano was very reluctant to get him the information and was told that it has been archived and that he did not want to look it up. Amano is the name of the manufacturer of the security system. Bottom line is if Rit can get someone to tell him the model number, he can go back to Amano with the information and tell them to get him the proper equipment and get it installed. Mr. Simonetti advised Rit to call Nick Zerella tomorrow morning. Mr. Bonaccorso advised that when they do get the model number to mark it on the outside front panel with the date that they received it. Mr. Coughlin asked how long it will take once Rit gets the model Number. Rit said that it should take 1-2 weeks if they have everything in stock. Mr. Simonetti said that by the next meeting Rit should have a report on the status of what has been done so far.

*Interior Fire Doors* - Mr. Simonetti showed a photo that he showed to the Fire Marshall. Rit advised that Dan Casinelli called about issues he had. Problem is that they used BX cable. Michelle Kawalautzki asked about there being a hazard of tripping over them. Rit advised that there are a number of different types and that they make certain models for floors so that they are not a tripping hazard. Rit will have his electrician change anything that has the wrong mounting. Mr. Coughlin asked how many doors need to be fixed. Rit advised that it is probably about a dozen doors out of the 40. On the topic of reusing the existing frames on the corridor doors, Rit's concern was that the problem that may arise is that he does not know if there are any steel lentils up inside of the heads because they are filled with concrete. If there was a lentil in there you can't physically fill the header with mortar. Rit and Ken talked about this and they decided to look at a frame that he thought was one of the worst damaged. Rit did a repair on this. He plugged any holes from any old door closures, cleaned it all up, put bondo on it, primed and got it ready for painting. Rit stated that he had given back almost \$21,000.00 to not have a mason do any kind of patch work. Rit discussed what he plans to do with the doors. Russ Bonaccorso asked if we have any rusted doors. Rit advised that we do not. Rit advised that he will give us a 2 year warranty. Rit stated that he would be concerned if there is not a lentil in there. Right now it is filled solid with cement. They proceeded to discuss the door frames and structure. Russ again stated that he is concerned about what's

up on top and what happens with new masonry frames that go in at the same time as your block, that they use a couple of different types of anchors. Either a wire anchor or t-strap. Marty Coughlin requested something in writing from Rit about the money he is going to give back and the 2 year warranty.

**Mr. Simonetti asked for a motion to allow Steel Tech to use existing frames to completely rehab the frame and to warranty for two years in writing before he begins work for interior door replacement. Marty Coughlin also stated that Steel Tech add that there will be a credit issued to the building committee in the amount of \$20,712.00.**

**Michelle Kawalautzki seconded the motion.**

**Russ Bonaccorso amended the motion that upon Steel Tech giving the information that Anthony Simonetti will authorize it. John Boyko seconded the amendment. Vote 6-0, motion on amendment approved unanimously.**

**Anthony Simonetti made a motion for the original motion as amended. Vote 6-0. Motion carried.**

Marty Coughlin questioned starting time. He recommended that Steel Tech coordinate with Dr. Smith and Ken LaCroix to coordinate times that they can do the work. Dr. Smith should be aware of this. Also Mr. Simonetti suggested that they call the Fire Marshall's office and let them know what they are doing. Rit advised that it will take 8 weeks from the point or order before the doors come in. Rit can order ASAP.

Anthony Simonetti advised to hold off on the SteelTech invoices until everything is fixed.

Anthony Simonetti to go back to the original meeting agenda

#### Boiler Upgrades

According to Dan tank coils have been installed on both tanks. Installation of tanks is ongoing and should be near completion. The ceiling is mostly installed. Insulation above the ceiling has been installed as the tile goes in. The changer for the compressor needs to be decided on if it will be installed or if not then it needs to be relocated out of the way so we can put up the make up air unit. Russ questioned if we were talking about the old compressor or the new one. Mr. Simonetti advised that it is the old larger compressor. The old larger compressor was never installed. It is sitting the side. Mr. Simonetti advised that they have to build a platform for it because it is so big and heavy. They want to put it on concrete. Russ advised that concrete is expensive and is that really necessary and can they use 6x6 ties. Mr. Banfe advised that any discussion he had about wood in the boiler room was negative.

Makeup air units should be installed shortly. There will be a change order for relocation cooling tower piping. Allstate has not sent that to him yet. Marty Coughlin questioned change order for compressor being decided on and wanted to know if anyone saw this change order. Mr. Simonetti will ask Dan to get back to him in regards to this change order Mr. Boyko questioned why we have to eat the cost of a change order to move the large one. He said that we should not have to pay for this because it is in our documents that states that the contractor is responsible to catch any errors and omissions and we should not have to pay for that. Mr. Simonetti will ask Dan about that.

Anthony Simonetti filled in Mr. Sullivan that status of the interior doors because he was not here at that time.

Acoustical paneling for the health room –Dan Casinelli wrote to Mr. Simonetti that the sketch for work has been sent to Allstate for pricing. We have not received anything from them as of this date. Mr. Simonetti will ask Dan to move on that.

Cafeteria Ceiling Panels: The rep claims that the offer was three years ago and the committee took no action because they didn't want to bring those panels in here and have them sitting around. Because of the volume of work he thinks he can still get the panels. Anthony stated that we should authorize that we get them and get them here for the summer. Mr. Boyko stated that he did not think that it was 3 years ago because he and Russ were not on the committee then.

#### Ventilation Locker Rooms

Anthony has not been able to get into the locker rooms with Kenny. Hopefully he can do it before the next month's meeting.

Band Area Closet – No Bids received yet. Anthony will call on that.

Roof Stairs – Ken doesn't like where the stairs are. Anthony talked to Ken and Ken would like the stairs to go to the right and put them up there on the wall on the right hand side so it connects to there so he is closer to a steel attachment. He wants to be able to put a wench up there in case some day someone has to go up there with a motor to change. He is not happy where they are now. Dan said they will move them if you want them to. Marty Coughlin said according to the engineer that is where Ken wanted them installed.

Financial Report: Anthony did not receive one at this time.

Executive Session not needed at this time.

Clear Solution Window Treatments: Have not heard from them. Anthony will look into that.

No other projects at this time because we don't know what the money situation will be. So we are holding off on them.

Russ Bonaccorso read an e-mail from Jack Finn in regards to Mr. Finn being informed by Mr. Burr, that he and the Mayor have agreed to have the building committee renovate two classrooms to use as computer rooms. Mr. Simonetti said that it came up last night during the budget hearing for the school. The two rooms located off the media center do not have a second exit into a hallway and that they could not use them for classrooms. Mr. Burr would like each department in the school to have their own computer room. These two rooms would be used for science. Russ asked that if they are not safe for a regular classroom then how can they be safe for a computer room. Mr. Simonetti clarified that they want us to fix the rooms so that we can use them. Mr. Banfe advised that they would blow two holes into the corridor and put in doors. Marty advised that we get Dan to do some design work and get information from the technology center as to what they want and then once we get a handle on what monies we have left and that the committee can buy it. Mr. Simonetti advised to first find out what the rooms are and find out where the doors have to go and move from there and then work on the interior right after that. Mr. Simonetti will look into the technology doors.

Finance Committee Invoices

Michelle Kawalautzki reported that they received the Fire Rehabilitation Invoices for TP Builders for the doors. Mr. Simonetti advised that they have not done what we wanted them to as far as the doors.

**Michelle Kawalautzki motioned to table the invoice for TP Builders, seconded by Sean Sullivan. Vote 6-0, motioned carried.**

Steeltech Invoice - \$10,533.00 – Not Paying.

Fletcher Thompson Invoice - \$12,645.00

**Sean Sullivan motion to deny payment of Fletcher Thompson invoice, seconded by Michelle Kawalautzki. Discussion – Mr. Sullivan stated that Fletcher Thompson was asked for documentation to prove the loads and temperatures and they are trying to charge us to create that documentation that should have been done as the basis for the design anyway. The committee has felt all along that that would have been a double dip so there is no need for us to pay for work they should have done already just because we asked them for it. Vote 6-0. All in favor.**

Mr. Simonetti stated that Mr. Banfe was gracious enough to call him yesterday to say that if you want him to he will work on the committee as a member. Anthony polled everyone on the committee and everyone except one said that they would want Mr. Banfe on the committee. Mr. Banfe is on the agenda for tomorrow night's Board of Alderman meeting.

**Russ Bonaccorso motioned to add Bill Banfe to the SHS Renovation Committee, seconded by Marty Coughlin. Vote 6-o, motion carried.**

Mr. Coughlin stated that we had the Fusco Corporation change order 31 that was supposed to come back. The Board of alderman was supposed to vote. Mr. Simonetti stated that it has never been on the agenda and doesn't know why it isn't. Mr. Simonetti will look into it. Marty stated that they take it back and put it into the building committee's contingency fund which means they can spend it without having to give it back.

Russ Bonaccorso wanted to know if all the fire code violations have been addressed. Mr. Simonetti did not know. Have they tested the stand pipes? Mr. Simonetti said that it is ongoing. How will the rooms without windows be addressed. Mr. Simonetti said that they will not spend money on shades or blinds. Mr. Banfe advised that there are 30+ rooms that are windowless. He said that they added 8 windows. Mr. Banfe also stated that some of the plans for the interior rooms were a second door in case the opening that goes from the windowless room into the hallway is blocked with a fire the thought was to put in another interior door to allow the students to go into the next room and out. Mr. Banfe also advised that when Rit was here as part of the renovation the committee replaced 7 door frames. Mr. Banfe added that there was discussion about the interior extra door scenario with Dan Casinelli and the Fire Marshall.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 P.M.

**Marty Coughlin made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Vote 6-o, motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

*Teresa Milyo*

Teresa Milyo – Recording Secretary

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