

*Approved by the Rye School Board at its June 24, 2009 meeting.*

**RYE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
RYE, NEW HAMPSHIRE**

The monthly meeting of the School Board of the Rye School District was held at the Rye Junior High School on June 16, 2009 at 3:00 p.m.

**PRESENT:**

School Board Members: Ian Grant, Peggy Balboni, Jeanne Moynahan  
Mike Schwartz, Betty Anderson.

Administrators/Staff: Dr. George A. Cushing, Superintendent  
Chris Pollet, Principal, Rye Junior High  
Patricia-Lane Richardson, Principal, Rye Elementary  
James Katkin, SAU 50, Business Administrator  
Jim Gordon, Supervisory Custodian, Rye School District

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Mr. Grant called the meeting to order at 3:02 pm. and turned the meeting over to Mr. Katkin.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

*RJH Library Project:*

Mr. Katkin announced that bids for the library renovation project closed at 11:00 am today. The lowest bid was for \$234,169.00 and highest was \$459,335.00. Mr. Katkin provided a chart showing an analysis and comparison of bids received for the library renovation and related alternatives. He reported that the mechanical and electrical allowance of the lowest bid would be in line and shows that all bids are in line. Mr. Katkin stated he has not worked with Whitcher Builders but notes they have a good reputation and have done work with Coe Brown in Northwood, NH. The 3 optional alternates listed carpet, paint, MDF. To deduct the roofing was the 4th alternate and would save \$7650.00 if we do not re-roof. Mr. Katkin indicated the roof would need to be done in the next couple of years anyway and that by securing the additional framing through the roof was the correct construction. The total potential library renovation cost of the top two bidders: Whitcher Builders at \$306,164.00 and Gray Builders at \$375,000.

Potential revenue offsets would be \$257,164.00 – General Fund, \$7,500.00 – REF, \$41,500 – Expendable Trust.

Mr. Grant noted that building aid would not be in 2009-2010 but in 2010-2011 budget. Mr. Katkin said total building aid would be \$91,000 over 5 years. \$17,000 a year. Building aid is not a guarantee. Mrs. Balboni stated that is not in the 2009 2010 budget. He said that while this was a higher cost than outlined earlier in the year to the Board, the good news was that funds existed to complete it without having to raise taxes.

Mr. Schwartz stated the furniture is not in 2009 2010 budget. Mr. Pollet confirmed it is not in budget. Mr. Katkin recommended using Whitcher Builders, pending a reference check, with a June 30, 2009 start date.

Mr. Schwartz made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Balboni to accept Whitcher Builders pending reference checks for the library renovation. Vote: Unanimously approved.

Mr. Katkin asked if alternates were in. Mrs. Balboni asked what his recommendation was. Mr. Katkin replied the MDF board is #1, all should be included.

Mr. Schwartz made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Balboni to include all optional alternatives. Mr. Grant stated if we are going to do it we need to do it right. Vote: Unanimously approved.

Mr. Katkin again reminded the Board that the timeline for completion was very tight and should not be expected to be ready for occupancy until mid-October.

**OTHER:**

*Energy audit:*

Mr. Grant stated that the Jordan Institute did not live up to their reputation. He would discuss more at the regular Board meeting.

Mr. Katkin reported they sent out 8 requests for bids and 2 were returned. Green Stamp: \$134,510.00 - \$115,375.00 and Building Tech: \$196,000.00. This was almost 65% more than what The Jordan Institute told us.

Insulation bid would be reduced by \$14,000.00 if the library project proceeds.

Mr. Grant stated in 4 to 5 years we will see our savings not the 2.2 years Jordan Institute told the Board in its report. He further stated that with the first bid we can't achieve the .22 level that was indicated in the Jordan Institute report. He asked if the other bid group hit the .22 number. Mr. Katkin replied he is waiting for an answer. He stated they are looking to start on June 29<sup>th</sup> and be done by July 25<sup>th</sup>. He asked if the board could approve \$115,000 for tomorrow. Mr. Schwartz made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Moynahan to approve the \$115,000. \$100,000.00 from the 2008/2009 budget and \$15,000.00 from the 2009/2010 budget. Vote: Unanimously approved. Mr. Grant stated that \$15,000 to \$30,000 is still available in the unreserved fund and asked the principals for critical needs.

Mrs. Richardson stated that she saw building improvements as critical in light that that was cut from next year's budget and that the continued cabinet process at RES totals \$30,000. In addition she needs painting of the hallways, carpet removal in classrooms and flagpole replacement. She stated she went to REF and the PTA regarding the flagpole with no success. She stated this does go above \$30,000 but it is a wish list. Mr. Gordon reported that a fiberglass flagpole would cost approximately \$2000.00. Mr. Pollet indicated nothing critical at this point considering all that was being done with the library.

Mrs. Anderson stated that the softball field at RES is in tough shape and commented on the legal liability of the field rocks fill. She stated that the rules of the game require that runners slide into bases under certain circumstances and that, unless the infield is replaced with infield mix, the team should not play on that field, due to safety reasons. Mr. Katkin stated that the field wasn't established for play of organized games.

Mr. Schwartz asked how costly that would be. Mr. Katkin replied in the 10's of thousands. Mrs. Anderson stated she thought \$25,000.00 would be closer to the total cost. Mr. Katkin asked if the Board wanted him to look into this, Lang vs. RES field. Mrs. Balboni asked if we could look into it for the 2010/2011 budget. Ms. Anderson asked that the cost be included in the 2010/2011 budget. Mr. Grant asked if it was something we needed to investigate liability wise. Mr. Schwartz suggested was this something we could work with the town on. Mr. Grant asked how we would like to allocate the unreserved money. Mrs. Balboni asked Mrs. Richardson to prioritize. Mrs. Richardson stated: Cabinets, Carpet, Paint, Flagpoles. Mr. Grant suggested we could do the cabinet work piecemeal. Mrs. Moynahan asked what spaces still had carpeting. Ms. Richardson replied the library, computer room and a few smaller rooms. Mr. Grant asked for the cost. Mr. Katkin replied about \$3,000.00 per room, \$6,500.00 for library, \$3,500 for computer room and \$3,000.00 for guidance room. Mr. Grant asked Ms. Richardson to prioritize these rooms for the Board.

Mr. Schwartz asked about the track. Ms. Richardson said it was a nice project but that from a priority standpoint it was at the bottom of the list. Mr. Grant stated that the cabinets were going to be used everyday in the direct education of the children and he supported Ms. Richardson's decision.

Mr. Schwartz made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Moynahan to allow up to \$30,000.00 to be accepted by building committee representative. Vote: Unanimously approved. Mrs. Moynahan asked what if the references come back poorly. Mr. Katkin replied they would have to look at a 2<sup>nd</sup> bid next Tuesday. Mr. Grant asked if it was \$5,000.00 or \$10,000.00 from REF Mr. Schwartz said he would find out. Mr. Grant thanked all involved in the project.

**ADJOURN:** Mrs. Moynahan proposed, seconded by Mr. Schwartz, a motion to adjourn at 4:10 p.m. Vote: Unanimously approved.

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School Board Secretary