



## ***Education Committee - Board of Representatives***

Mary Savage, Chair

# **Committee Report**

**Date:** Tuesday, May 5, 2015  
**Time:** 7:00 p.m.  
**Place:** Democratic Caucus Room, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Government Center, 888 Washington Boulevard, Stamford, CT

The Education Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Chair Savage and Committee Member Reps. Buckman, de la Cruz, Di Costanzo, Kolenberg, Quinones, Nabel and Wallace. Absent or excused was Committee Member Rep. Cerasoli. Also present were Reps. Caterbone, DePina, DeLuca, Moore, Coppola, Giraldo; Kathy Emmett, Corporation Counsel; Michael Handler, Director of Administration; Dennis Cavanaugh, Robinson and Cole Law Firm; Lou Casolo, Engineering Bureau; and Christopher Gidielli, Stamford Police Department.

<b>Item No.</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Committee Action</b>
1. <a href="#">E29.021</a>	APPROVAL; Agreement Between the City of Stamford and Perkins-Eastman For Design Services For A New K-5 Inter-District Magnet School At 200 Strawberry Hill Ave. Stamford, CT. (7:00 p.m.) 04/08/15 – Submitted by Mayor Martin 04/15/15 – Held in Committee until 5/5/15 04/29/15 – To be considered by Board of Finance	<b>Committee Approved 8-0-0</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ms. Emmett explained that the Contract is final and they used an outside law firm Robinson and Cole to do the contract because they felt their contracts need to be updated and improved; they will use what they learned during this process in future contracts.</li><li>• The Contracts that are being taken up tonight are two very important contracts and are very much related.</li><li>• She introduced Dennis Cavanaugh from Robinson and Cole to explain in detail the contract</li><li>• Mr. Coppola asked about pending litigation regarding their services. Ms. Emmett said she knew of no pending litigation and knows that each firm went through a vetting process. Mr. Casolo stated as part of the selection committee that question did not arise. Mr. Casolo stated he has history with this firm, they did the 9<sup>th</sup> grade addition to Stamford High School.</li><li>• Rep. Nabel asked about the bold section on page 7, §3.1.3.1. being unique to this contract. Mr. Cavanaugh explained that they should modernize the contract and have a more global form. They feel like this is an important term and most</li></ul>	

architectural contracts do not have that provision in it. Another reason it is bold there is a waiver in it.

- Mr. Cavanaugh stated that on page 26 §11.8.2 regarding the 15%, that this is standard and was in the proposal from the architect.
- Rep. Quinones asked if the contract included language establishing phases 3 and 4 being contingent on state approval for a magnet school; Mr. Cavanaugh confirmed that this is included.
- Mr. Pollard confirmed that when they met with the Board of Finance they committed to return to them in June to give them the status of the State decision.
- Rep. Buckman talked about the traffic study and how it received grades A-F and he was disturbed by the study; Mr. Casolo stated they are concerned about traffic in this area too and the study was included in the RFQ so that the architects can detect all of the deficiencies in the project not just the building.

A motion was made and seconded to approve this item. Rep. Buckman made a motion to amend this item as follows:

1. The Owner, as defined, shall see and be granted approval by the Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford prior to providing authorization for the Architect to proceed beyond Phase I and II, as defined in the agreement.
2. The Owner, as defined, shall provide quarterly (as defined by the calendar year) updates to the Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford on the status of architectural and construction services and projects, including up-to-date financial expenditure details thereto, as related to the K-5 District Magnet School at 200 Strawberry Hill Ave, Stamford, CT.

After a brief discussion, Mr. Buckman was given reassurance that they will not proceed to phase III and IV without Board of Representatives Review.

Said motion to approve this item was approved by a vote of 8-0-0. (Savage, Buckman, de la Cruz, Di Costanzo, Kolenberg, Nabel, Quinones and Wallace in favor)

The joint meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary M. Savage, Chair

This meeting is on [video](#).