



Education Committee - Board of Representatives

Mary Savage, Chair

Committee Report

Date: Wednesday, December 16, 2015
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Place: Democratic Caucus Room, 4th 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, Cerasoli, de la Cruz, Di Costanzo, Nabel and Wallace. Absent or excused were Committee Member Reps. Kolenberg and Quinones. Also present were Lou Casolo, City Engineer and Tamu Lucero, Assistant Superintendent of Schools.

Chair Savage called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

| Item No. | Description | Committee Action |
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| 1. E29.034 | APPROVAL; Amendment to Agreement between the City of Stamford & Perkins Eastman for Design Services for a K-8 Inter-district Magnet School at 200 Strawberry Hill Ave. Stamford, CT. 12/09/15 – Submitted by Lou Casolo 12/10/15 – To be considered by Board of Finance | Approved 7-0-0 |

Mr. Casolo explained that

- The Board had approved the original contract with Perkins Eastman prior to the award of the grant, and released Perkins Eastman for the first 2 of the 4 tasks: the environmental abatement and the light renovation of the existing building in order to prepare it for K-2 occupancy by Fall, 2016. This design work has been completed and the light renovation project was awarded to the low bidder this past week.
- This contract amendment is for Perkins Eastman to continue their design work for the addition and like new renovation
- The project has been overseen by a project building committee, which has meetings that are open to the public, as well as HPAC. There has been one community meeting about the proposed construction and will be another in January/February to discuss concept plans and alternatives for the full build out.
- Given the additional funding from the State, the project can now accommodate K-8. He is requesting the Board's approval to release Perkins Eastman to begin phases 3 and 4 under the expanded contract, which folds in the additional \$12.4 million appropriation – the new building extension and the like-new renovation of

- the 1925 structure. This approval is time critical, in order to be able to get students into the new building by Fall 2018 so that the old building can be renovated. It will take 1 year to complete the design work. There are multiple levels of State review of the design.
- Mr. Casolo distributed the [attached handout](#), which outlines the changes from the original proposal.

In response to questions from the Committee, Mr. Casolo and Ms. Lucero explained that:

- Phases 3 and 4 from the old agreement have now been combined into one phase, with the biggest change being the addition. The additional fee is for the increased size of the addition (the design fee is based upon the construction cost).
- The Board of Education did approve the change to a K-8 school and increasing the number of students to 900
- The number of classrooms is increasing because the size of the classrooms is small. There will be 100 students per grade so that students do not have to leave before 8th grade.
- The change to K-8 required other classroom changes, such as including a science lab
- The language in ¶5 addresses original language regarding which students would be located where, which no longer applies
- The language in ¶6 refers to \$80,000 which was given to Perkins Eastman for them to determine if the site could handle a K-8 school. There will be a credit from the revised amendment to the contract if the City uses that information.
- The contract contains provisions in the event that Perkins Eastman does not complete the work within one year.

A motion to approve this amendment was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 7-0-0 (Reps. Savage, Buckman, Cerasoli, de la Cruz, Di Costanzo, Nabel and Wallace in favor.)

Representative Savage adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Savage, Chair

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