

BIDDEFORD SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

Monday, February 28, 2011

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SPECIAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING 6:30 p.m. – City Hall Council Chambers

Minutes

Roll Call: Mayor Twomey, Peggy Bean, Roberta Bernier, Alexandra Clarke, Tammy Fleurent, Tony Michaud, and Laura Seaver. **Also in Attendance:** Sarah-Jane Poli and Jeff Porter.

Excused: Nathan Mills, Joseph Drew and Sean O'Neil.

1. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Mayor Twomey led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** None

3. **NEW BUSINESS:**

a. **Discussion and action on scope of service agreement with H.L. Turner Company**

Brian Phinney reviewed the seven major tasks as recommended on the Turner proposal. He also indicated which items were high priority, medium priority, and low priority per Mr. Turner. The Mayor asked Mr. Phinney what tasks he would recommend to pursue based on Turner's proposal. He stated it depends on what questions the school committee wants answered.

Phil Radding gave an update on the cleaning that was done at Biddeford High School during vacation week. He also pointed out that Ledgewood brought in an outside cleaning company to clean the building. Mr. Radding reported the building was clean on Monday morning.

Mayor Twomey asked Ms. Poli how many new students and staff have reported air quality issues since the study. Ms. Poli indicated that she checked with the school nurse today and the school nurse said that she had zero students and zero staff.

Mrs. Bernier made a request to let the public speak. Mayor Twomey indicated the Chair sets the agenda and you have the right to suspend the rules. She also indicated public participation has taken place for months and tonight is a Special Meeting on this one report, which is what needs to be addressed.

Mrs. Fleurent does not agree with spending more money to have Mr. Turner's firm oversee things that are already being handled and the whole point of the renovation project is to remediate the problems. Mayor Twomey pointed out there is a bid protocol in the City, so this will have to go to bid; this is just a recommendation from Mr. Turner.

Mr. Michaud moved and Mrs. Seaver seconded to accept Turner Group, all seven tasks, in the sum of \$39,000. Vote: 4-2 (Mrs. Clarke, Mrs. Fleurent opposed)

4. **ADJOURNMENT:** Mrs. Bean moved and Mrs. Seaver seconded, unanimous vote, to adjourn at 7:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah-Jane Poli, School Committee Secretary

Minutes Recorded: Karen Moody

Minutes Transcribed: Diane Perro