

Regional School District 12
Board of Education, Special Meeting
Shepaug Valley School
June 28, 2017

The Special Meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 8:30 a.m., on Wednesday, June 28, 2017, by Chairman James Hirschfield. Present were Board members: Valerie Andersen, Gregory Cava, Michelle Gorra, Stephanie Kolnick, Jennifer Pote (8:33), Lisa Roush, Julie Stuart, and Peter Tagley. Anthony Amato, Alan Brown, and Michael Sinatra were absent.

Donald O'Leary, Director of Facilities, was also present.

Greg Cava, Chairman of the Building Committee, explained the purpose for the Special Meeting being to update the Board of work done and expenses needed for approval to continue progress on the AgSTEM project. Discussion followed. Mr. Cava briefly reviewed outlined expenses proposed by Kaestle Boos, Associates and T2. Mr. Cava explained that these expenses need to be paid to keep the project on tract. Mr. Cava also explained the permit process for the towns of Washington and Roxbury.

TO AUTHORIZE THE SHEPAUG BUILDING COMMITTEE TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT WITH KAESTLE BOOS ASSOCIATES, T2, NUTMEG SOIL SERVICES AND T. MICHAEL ALEX, LAND SURVEYOR.

MOTION: made by Michelle Gorra, seconded by Lisa Roush, to authorize the Building Committee to enter into agreement with Kaestle Boos Associates, T2, Nutmeg Soil Services, and T. Michael Alex, Land Surveyor.

Discussion on giving the Building Committee authorization to terminate the agreements should the project not be approved at the state level followed. Mr. Cava will send an email to the three selectmen so that they would be aware of the work being done and the reasoning.

There was a friendly amendment suggested and accepted to give the Building Committee authorization to terminate the agreements should the project not be approved at the state level and pay only up-to-date of termination.

MOTION: made by Michelle Gorra, seconded by Lisa Roush, to authorize the Building Committee to enter into agreement with Kaestle Boos Associates, T2, Nutmeg Soil Services, and T. Michael Alex, Land Surveyor. Giving the Building Committee authorization to terminate the agreements should the project not be approved at the state level and pay only up-to-date of termination.

VOTE: **In favor:** Valerie Andersen, Gregory Cava, Michelle Gorra, James Hirschfield, Stephanie Kolnick, Jennifer Pote, Lisa Roush, and Julie Stuart.

Opposed: Peter Tagley.

Motion passed (8 – 1 – 0)

Discussion as to the expertise and information T2 could provide to the Region. It was discussed that having to put out a bid in an area where there is not a large competition should be considered and waived.

MOTION: made by Michelle Gorra, seconded by Jennifer Pote, to waive competitive bidding in order to engage T2.

VOTE: **In favor:** Valerie Andersen, Gregory Cava, Michelle Gorra, James Hirschfield, Stephanie Kolnick, Jennifer Pote, Lisa Roush, and Julie Stuart.

Opposed: Peter Tagley.

Motion passed (8 – 1 – 0)

TO RECOMMEND THE BOARD APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE THE BUILDING COMMITTEE TO EXPEND FUNDS FOR SCOPE OF SERVICES, KAESTLE BOOS ASSOCIATES, T2, NUTMEG SOIL SERVICES AND T. MICHEAL ALEX SUBJECT TO ADDENDUM OF PROPOSAL

MOTION: made by Julie Stuart, seconded by Michelle Gorra to authorize the Building Committee to expend funds for Scope of Services, Kaestle Boos Associates, T2, Nutmeg Soil Services and T. Michael Alex, subject to addendum of proposal.

Discussion and explanation of the motion by Greg Cava followed.

VOTE: **In favor:** Valerie Andersen, Gregory Cava, Michelle Gorra, James Hirschfield, Stephanie Kolnick, Jennifer Pote, Lisa Roush, and Julie Stuart.

Opposed: Peter Tagley.

Motion passed (8 – 1 – 0)

It was requested that the Building Committee give an update on the Kaestle Boos Associates contract at the next Board meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

It was motioned and seconded to adjourn at 9:14 a.m.

VOTE: unanimous.

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