

NESHAMINY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Langhorne, Pennsylvania

REGULAR ACTION MEETING FOLLOWED BY
PUBLIC WORK SESSION MINUTES
NESHAMINY BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS
April 7, 2015

The Neshaminy Board of School Directors met in public work session on April 7, 2015 in the District Offices Board Room at the Maple Point Middle School. The following persons were in attendance:

BOARD MEMBERS:

Ms. Irene Boyle, Vice President
Mr. John Allen
Mrs. Susan Cummings
Mr. Mike Morris
Mr. Stephen Pirritano
Mr. Ron Rudy
Mr. Mark Shubin
Mr. Anthony Sposato

ADMINISTRATORS:

Mr. Robert L. Copeland
Mrs. Barbara Markowitz
Dr. Gloria Hancock
Mr. Don Harm
Mr. Anthony Devlin
Mrs. Teresa Hinterberger

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mr. Scott E. Congdon, President

OTHERS: Approximately 50 persons from the public, staff and press

SECRETARY: Mrs. Jennifer Burns

SOLICITOR: Thomas J. Profy, III , Esquire

REGULAR ACTION MEETING

1. Call to Order

Ms. Boyle called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Ms. Boyle requested those in attendance join in the salute to the flag.

3. Announcements

RE: PlanCon Part E: Design Development (see attached)
Project Building name: Tawanka Elementary School

The materials for PlanCon Part E, "Design Development," have been reviewed and appear to meet the requirements of the school laws of Pennsylvania and the policies and regulations of the State Board of Education. The Design Development is generally approved. This approval is based on a limited review of the documents submitted. If information reviewed subsequent to this approval violates law, policy or procedure, the department reserves the right to rescind any and all approvals materially affected.

RE: PlanCon Part D: Project Accounting Based on Estimates (see attached)
Project Building Name: New Tawanka Elementary School

The materials for PlanCon Part D, "Project Accounting Based on Estimates," have been reviewed and approved. This approval is based on a limited review of the documents submitted. If information reviewed subsequent to this approval violates law, policy or procedure, the department reserves the right to rescind any and all approvals materially affected.

4. Superintendent's Report

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Mr. Spahr addressed and answered the questions.

Ms. Boyle called for a roll call tally and the tally indicated the motion passed by a vote of 6 ayes, (Mr. Allen, Ms. Boyle, Mrs. Cummings, Mr. Pirritano, Mr. Shubin and Mr. Sposato) and 2 nays, (Mr. Morris and Mr. Rudy). (Mr. Congdon was not present.)

7. Adjournment of Meeting

Ms. Shubin moved the meeting be adjourned and Mr. Pirritano seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved the motion. Ms. Boyle adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

PUBLIC WORK SESSION

1. Call to Order

Ms. Boyle called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m.

2. Items for Approval at the April 21st Public Board Meeting

a) Bids/Budget Transfers

Mrs. Markowitz stated there are two bids, Bid #16-18 and Bid #16-19. There is one Budget Transfer Report (Working Copy) 15-5 in the amount of \$608.00.

3. Committee Reports

a) Board Polices

Ms. Boyle stated to the Board that the next meeting is scheduled for April 14th, at 6:30 p.m.

b) Educational Development

Ms. Boyle stated to the Board that the next meeting is scheduled for May 12th, at 6:30 p.m.

c) Finance/Facilities

Mr. Congdon was not present.

d) IU Board

Mrs. Cummings announced that she was unable to attend the last meeting due to scheduling conflicts.

e) Neshaminy Education Foundation

Mr. Shubin stated that April 18th, will be the Color Fest.

Suzie Drake explained that the Color Fest is being held to raise money to benefit Glut 1 DS to help a student at Hoover who suffers from the disease.

f) Technical School

Mr. Morris stated there was no update at this time.

g) Technology

Mr. Shubin stated to the Board that at the last meeting they reviewed future upgrades. No date has yet been set for the next meeting.

h) Facilities Ad Hoc Committee

Mr. Pirritano announced that the next meeting has been scheduled for April 13th, at 6:30 p.m.

i) Legislative

Mr. Shubin stated that no date has been set for the next meeting.

4. Public Comment

Steve Rodos, retired, Villages of Flowers Mill, asked if the lease with the IU is a net-net (double net) lease. Mr. Rodos advised the public that the website contains valuable information on the STEM program, which demonstrates that the district is being transparent and forthcoming. Mr. Rodos asked how the previous insurance contract compares with what we will be getting with the new insurance contract. He also asked if the insurance company is the same and the cost is now reduced, is it possible for Neshaminy to get a rebate from the previous contract, which was more money.

Mr. Profy answered that the IU lease will be a triple net lease.

Ms. Boyle said the Board will get back to Mr. Rodos on the insurance question.

5. Future Topics

Mr. Pirritano asked Mr. McConnell to come to the podium to explain the Rotary Club's involvement with Neshaminy.

Mr. McConnell said the Rotary Club recognizes a Student of the Month from Neshaminy and also awards between 2-4 college scholarships to Neshaminy students yearly.

Mr. Pirritano also noted that Mrs. Drake's Interact Club from Neshaminy is a group of students who are very involved with the functions provided by the Rotary Club.

6. Board Comment

Mr. Allen asked Mr. Copeland for an explanation on "Transfer of Entity."

Mr. Copeland said the Transfer of Entity occurs when special education classes are transferred from the IU back to the control of Neshaminy district, which results in a financial savings.

Mr. Sposato advised the public that the Educational Development meetings provide valuable information to parents about the direction that Neshaminy is taking towards providing first quality education and he urged them to attend.

Mr. Morris remarked that in the past when an RFP was given, it resulted in attaining the best insurance for the district at the best price. He said unfortunately an RFP was not done this time.

Mr. Pirritano urged the public to look at the Neshaminy Newsletter on the website. He added that at times Neshaminy does use the RFP process, but it was not done this time; however, he feels the Board still made the right decision.

Mr. Rudy agreed with Mr. Morris that an RFP should have been put out before the vote.

Mr. Shubin thanked the students from Carl Sandburg for their presentation. He also commented that students should take the PSSA tests because it is good for the district and it is good practice for the students. Mr. Shubin said the district will be looking at standardized tests in the future to see if any can be eliminated or improved upon.

7. Adjournment of Meeting

Ms. Boyle moved the meeting be adjourned and Mr. Shubin seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved the motion. Ms. Boyle adjourned the meeting at 8:04 p.m.

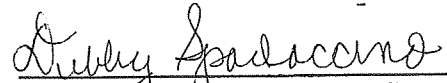
Respectively submitted,

Jennifer Burns
Board Secretary

**AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING
OF APRIL 7, 2015
REGULAR ACTION MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS OF
NESHAMINY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Debby Spadaccino, having been duly sworn does depose and say:

That she is Assistant Secretary of the Neshaminy School District, and that she did, on March 30, 2015, cause Notice of Regular Action Meeting of the Board of School Directors of the Neshaminy School District, a copy of which is annexed as Exhibit "A" to be posted at a conspicuous location at the main entrance of the School Administration portion of Maple Point Middle School, 2250 Langhorne-Yardley Road, Langhorne, Pennsylvania, and said Public Notice has been continuously posted at said location from the date of posting through the date of this Affidavit.

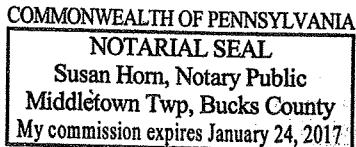


Debby Spadaccino, Assistant Secretary
Neshaminy School District

Sworn to and subscribed before me on
this 27th day of March, 2015.



NOTARY PUBLIC



**NOTICE OF REGULAR ACTION MEETING
OF BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS
OF NESHAMINY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of Pennsylvania Public School Code of 1949, as amended, and the Pennsylvania Sunshine Act of 1986, July 3, P.L. 388, No. 84, as amended, that the Board of School Directors of Neshaminy School District ("Board") will hold a Regular Action Meeting on April 7, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at the District Offices - Boardroom of the Maple Point Middle School, 2250 Langhorne-Yardley Road, Langhorne, PA 19047 to take action on such matters as shall come before the Board.

The Public Work Session of the Board scheduled and advertised for April 7, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. will commence immediately following the conclusion of the Regular Action Meeting.

Members of the public are invited to attend and participate in this Regular Action Meeting as permitted by law.

Dated: March 27, 2015

Jennifer Burns, Secretary
Board of School Directors of
Neshaminy School District

March 23, 2015

Mrs. Jennifer Burns
Board Secretary
Neshaminy School District
2001 Old Lincoln Highway
Langhorne, PA 19047

MAR 26 2015 AM 9:29:51

NSD OFFICE OF SUPPLY

RE: PLANCON PART E: DESIGN DEVELOPMENT

PROJECT NO.: 3800
PROJECT BUILDING NAME: Tawanka Elementary School
TYPE WORK: New Construction
COUNTY: Bucks
BOARD ACTION: January 27, 2015

Dear Mrs. Burns:

The materials for PlanCon Part E, "Design Development," have been reviewed and appear to meet the requirements of the school laws of Pennsylvania and the policies and regulations of the State Board of Education. The Design Development is generally approved. This approval is based on a limited review of the documents submitted. If information reviewed subsequent to this approval violates law, policy or procedure, the department reserves the right to rescind any and all approvals materially affected.

Please note that the Requirements listed on PlanCon Part F, Page F-17, must be written in the Construction Specifications. You are further advised that in all school buildings erected after May 1, 1925, or buildings leased or used for school purposes, all entrance and exit doors, as well as all doors leading to or from all regular, special, or general rooms, shall open outward, in accordance with 24 P.S. § 7-739.

Provisions for acoustical separation between the following rooms are advisable:

- 1) between each Music Classroom
- 2) between the Music Classrooms and the adjacent Art Room

The PlanCon Part F, "Construction Documents," may now be prepared and submitted upon their completion at the final review conference, according to PlanCon Pages F01 and F02. The district's architect should call me at 717.787.5993 to schedule the review conference. Any substantial changes in the design must be discussed with me at your earliest convenience.

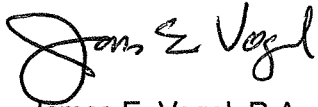
Section 731 of the Public School Code of 1949 states that no public school building shall be contracted for, constructed, or reconstructed, in any school district of the second, third, or fourth class until plans and specifications have been approved by the Department of Education. Departmental approval of final plans and specifications only occurs upon the issuance of written approval of PlanCon Part F, "Construction Documents." For the Philadelphia City and Pittsburgh School Districts, PlanCon Part F must be approved by the department prior to entering into contracts for a school construction project to qualify for state reimbursement. Failure to comply with the applicable statutory or departmental requirement will result in denial of reimbursement for this project.

Mrs. Burns
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The district should be aware that departmental approval of PlanCon Part F for this project does not guarantee reimbursement for this project. This project will be deemed eligible for reimbursement only upon written approval of PlanCon Part G, "Project Accounting Based on Bids." Calculation of the temporary reimbursable percent for the project's financing occurs at PlanCon Part H, "Project Financing." The permanent reimbursable percent is calculated at PlanCon Part J, "Project Accounting Based on Final Costs."

This document should be entered into the minutes of the next board meeting.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James E. Vogel". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and "V".

James E. Vogel, R.A., NCARB
Architectural Consultant
Division of Budget & School Facilities
Bureau of Budget and Fiscal Management

cc: Spiezle Architectural Group
Project File - 3800
Architectural File
Log



March 17, 2015

Mrs. Jennifer Burns
Board Secretary
Neshaminy School District
2250 Langhorne-Yardley Road
Langhorne, PA 19047

NSD OFFICE OF SUPERVISOR
MAR 30 2015 AM 10:12:00

RE: PLANCON PART D: PROJECT ACCOUNTING BASED ON ESTIMATES

PROJECT NO.: 3800
PROJECT BUILDING NAME: New Tawanka Elementary School
TYPE WORK: New Construction
COUNTY: Bucks
BOARD ACTION: January 27, 2015

Dear Mrs. Burns:

The materials for PlanCon Part D, "Project Accounting Based on Estimates," have been reviewed and approved. This approval is based on a limited review of the documents submitted. If information reviewed subsequent to this approval violates law, policy or procedure, the department reserves the right to rescind any and all approvals materially affected.

Please note the corrections to Page D18, regarding 2012 updates.

Based on the information submitted, this project is in compliance with the requirements of Act 34 of 1973.

Act 34 of 1973 requires a second public hearing if the Maximum Building Construction Cost based on bids equals or exceeds by eight percent the amount approved by the Department of Education based on estimates. For this project, the Act 34 Maximum Building Construction Cost, as reported on Page D20, Line C, is \$27,264,141. The Act 34 Maximum Building Construction Cost based on estimates plus eight percent is \$29,445,272.

If at any time the Maximum Building Construction Cost exceeds the Aggregate Building Expenditure Standard, this project will require a referendum. The Aggregate Building Expenditure Standard, as reported on Page D23, Line E, for this project is \$32,447,359, based on the current Act 34 Per Pupil Cost Limits.

The Local Government Unit Debt Act permits school districts to exclude subsidized debt from non-electoral and lease rental debt for the purpose of establishing net outstanding debt. For subsidized debt to be excluded, a copy of the Commonwealth's preliminary approval for the project and the related bonds or notes for reimbursement must be filed with the Department of Community and Economic Development. A copy of Page D14, Estimated Temporary Reimbursable Percent for Each Bond Issue, for each of the bond issues financing this project is attached solely for this purpose.

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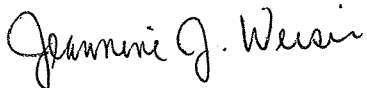
The "Prime Contractor Certification" (Page G08) will be required from each prime contractor as part of the PlanCon Part G, "Project Accounting Based on Bids," submission for this project. Specifications should require that such information be provided by the successful bidders. Suggested language to be included in the bid specifications is included in the instructions for PlanCon Part F, "Construction Documents."

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This document and any appended materials should be entered into the minutes of the next school board meeting. If you have any questions, please contact Cheryl Harmon at 717.787.5993.

Sincerely,



Jeannine J. Weiser, Chief
Division of Budget and School Facilities

JJW/cmh

Attachment

cc: Spiegle Architectural Group
Project File – 3800
Architectural Consultant
Log

LOCAL EFFORT LIMIT

District/CTC: Neshaminy School District	Project Name: New ES	Project #: 3726
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A. Local Effort Limit

1. Payable 2012-2013 Market Value Aid Ratio (Attachment D, Part D Instructions)	<u>.2019</u>	
	(ROUND TO 4 DEC PL)	
2. 2.000 minus Market Value Aid Ratio	<u>1.7981</u>	
	(ROUND TO 4 DEC PL)	
3. 2012-2013 Statewide Average Equalized Mills	<u>18.4</u>	MMV
4. Local Effort Limit (A-2 times A-3)		<u>33.1</u> MMV
		(ROUND TO 1 DEC PL)

B. Budgeted Local Effort

1. FY 2014-2015 Annual Debt Service/Lease Rental - Local Share for <u>New Reimbursable Issues with</u> Payments Starting in FY 2011-2012 or later (D16, line E, for applicable issues and notes only)	\$ <u>7,516,737</u>	
2. FY 2010-2011 Total Taxes Collected (Attachment C, Part D Instructions)	\$ <u>119,719,436</u>	
3. Budgeted Local Effort (B-1 plus B-2)	\$ <u>127,236,167</u>	
4. 2010 S.T.E.B. Market Value (Attachment C, Part D Instructions)	\$ <u>6,719,232,160</u>	
5. Budgeted Local Efforts in Mills (B-3 divided by B-4 times 1,000)		<u>18.9</u> MMV
		(ROUND TO 1 DEC PL)

Cost standards in the regulations of the State Board of Education require the Department of Education to approve a reimbursable building project only if the Budgeted Local Effort does not exceed the Local Effort Limit unless an exception is properly requested, justified and approved. If the Budgeted Local Effort (B-5) for this building project is greater than the Local Effort Limit (A-4), please check one or more of the following reasons, if applicable to the district, to justify a request for an exception from this regulatory requirement.

- Reduction in personnel, operating and/or maintenance costs
- Reduction in debt service following final payment on one or more issues
- Sufficient fund balance available
- Sufficient debt limit capacity available
- Other - provide information justifying an exception: