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**SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES - THURSDAY, AUGUST 18, 2022
BUILDING DEPARTMENT CONFERENCE ROOM - 7TH FLOOR
GOVERNMENT CENTER
888 WASHINGTON BOULEVARD, STAMFORD, CT 06901**

A Meeting of the School Building Committee was held on Thursday, August 18, 2022 in the 7th Floor Building Department Conference Room, Stamford Government Center.

In attendance were:

Board Members: Shawn Reed, Chief Building Official, Chair
Nancy Ormsby, RA, Vice Chair
Louis Casolo, City Engineer
Jackie Heftman, Board of Education
Ralph Blessing, Planning Board

Attendees: Jeff Pardo, Construction Manager
Lindsey Cohen, Associate Planner – Land Use
David Nelson, Office Supervisor – Building Dept.

Absent: Mary Lou Rinaldi, Board of Finance
Resident, Vacant

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mr. Casolo discussed the processes and function of the School Building Committee in reviewing and approving state funded school building projects on the town level.

In light of the retirement of the previous School Building Committee Chair, Mr. Casolo motioned to elect current Chief Building Official, Shawn Reed as the new Chair. Mr. Casolo's motion was unanimously approved by all committee members in attendance. Mr. Casolo then identified the sole item on the agenda:

1. Review Stamford High School (SHS) Roof Replacements

The floor was given to Mr. Pardo to go over the Stamford High School Roof Replacement presentation. Mr. Pardo explained that the Board of Education wants to replace the remaining roofs of the SHS 1927 building. Mr. Pardo pointed to a printed image (*copy attached*) that displays three roof areas currently experiencing water issues that are intended to be replaced. The City of Stamford had put out a request for proposal and hired an architectural firm to design the drawings.

Mr. Blessing and Ms. Ormsby raised questions about the ages of the roofs as well as the roofs' lifespan and current condition. Mr. Pardo answered their questions and discussed the materials that make up the current roofs as well as the materials of the proposed roofs.

There is further discussion about the roof areas intended to be replaced, the warranty options and color of the new roofs, and the plan for replacing the roof drains.

Ms. Heftman wondered if there was any conversation about putting solar panels on the roofs during the replacement project and if installing the solar panels after the roof replacement may result in damage to the roof. Mr. Pardo answered that City employees are having the conversation but he's unsure of the status. Mr. Pardo further explained that the solar array installer would have to be certified by the roofs' manufacturer and that there shouldn't be any issues as long as the panels are designed properly. Mr. Pardo confirmed Mr. Casolo's statement that the warranty would remain even after solar panels are installed.

Ms. Ormsby brought up the roof requirements for supporting solar panels and pointed out that the current design appears insufficient. Mr. Casolo suggested that Mr. Pardo check in with the architect to make sure the proposed roofs are compatible with having solar panels installed.

The Committee wrapped up the discussion by addressing the schedule for the roof installation, the chance of a delay due to availability of materials, previous completion dates for sections of the roof that won't be replaced, and the School Construction Grants Department's role in keeping records of completion dates and previous roof plans on file.

Mr. Casolo made a motion to approve the acceptance of the project (Replacements of Roofs A, C & D of SHS 1927 Building) to go before the Office of School Construction Grants and Review.

Seconded by Ms. Heftman

Unanimously Approved