

Minutes of a Special Meeting of the Board of Education
Regional School District 14
October 22, 2008

A Special Meeting of the Regional School District 14 Board of Education was held at 6:15 pm on Wednesday, October 22, 2008 in the Central Office Conference Room, 5 Minor Town Road, Woodbury, Connecticut for the purposes of discussion and possible action on the Woodbury Middle School Tennis Court bids.

Present were Board Chairperson Linda Bulvanoski and Board Members Steve Sordi, Chuck Cosgriff, Monica Gati, Scott Baider, Deborah Corsica and Carla Juhas. Superintendent Dr. Cronin and Director of Grounds and Maintenance, Mike Molzon were also in attendance.

Board member Steve Paluskas was not in attendance.

Mrs. Bulvanoski called the meeting to order at 6:15 pm.

Mr. Molzon explained that initially 5 bids were received for the project. The lowest bidder withdrew his bid after realizing he had made an error. Three of the remaining bids were for traditional asphalt tennis courts which met the bid specification. The fourth bid was from Classic Turf who proposed an alternative court construction technology that exceeded the specification.

The lowest bid was \$58,000 which was submitted by Cocchiola Paving. This price did not include fencing or a warranty.

The bid received for fencing, which involved re-using the existing fence posts, was \$29,000.

The bid from Classic Turf was \$110,000. This bid included a 5 year warranty, resurfacing after 5 years, the re-alignment of the tennis courts, and all new fencing.

Mr. Molzon also explained that he had spoken to several Classic Turf customers. They all stated they were happy with the product. He also explained that the Classic Turf courts were believed to be less expensive to maintain and repair.

Mr. Molzon also explained that in the last two days he had called several companies that installed tennis courts to inquire if they had an equivalent technology to Classic Turf. He found three companies that offered alternative technologies that were similar, but none identical.

The Board discussed the proposals in detail and debated over a course of action. Some board members felt that the bid specification should be re-written to match the specifications of the Classic Turf court and that the bid process should be repeated in order to obtain competitive quotes that could be directly compared to the quote from Classic Turf. Other board members felt that benefits offered by

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the Classic Turf courts justified the greater cost, were satisfied that the bid process had been followed, and that they had enough information to move forward.

Mrs. Corsico made a motion to accept the bid form Classic Turf.
Mr. Cosgriff seconded the motion.

Voting in favor of the motion were Mrs. Corsico, Mr. Cosgriff, Mrs. Bulvanoski, and Mrs. Gati.

Voting against the motion were Mr. Sordi, Mr. Baider, and Mrs. Juhas.

The motion carried 4-3.

Mrs. Corsico made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. Gati seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

The Special Meeting of the Board of Education adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carla Juhas, Secretary
Regional School District #14 Board of Education