

**COLONIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
PLYMOUTH MEETING, PA 19462
MINUTES, DECEMBER 20, 2006.**

President Orlow convened the special meeting of the Colonial Board of School Directors at 8:20 a.m. in the Superintendent's Conference Room in Colonial Elementary School on December 20, 2006.

Board Members Present: Marc Orlow, Tom Davis, Hope Luken, Susan Moore and Mitch Zimmer.

Board Members Absent: Gary Johnson, William Ryan, Pascal Scoles and Steven Slutsky.

Also Attending: Vincent F. Cotter, Superintendent; MaryEllen Gorodetzer, Assistant Superintendent; Terry Yemm, Director of Operations and David M. Sherman, Community Relations Coordinator/Board Secretary.

Mr. Orlow led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Public Comments on the Agenda: None.

New Business: Mr. Orlow directed the Board members' attention to the bid recommendation for the supply and installation of synthetic turf for Colonial Field and Victory Field #1. See attachment #1. The synthetic turf selected is to be purchased through the COSTARS – 14 Recreational & Fitness Equipment Contract. COSTARS is a pre-approved state buying program provided by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The recommendation includes the selection of FieldTurf Monofilament 2.5"-FTOM 1F for Colonial Field and the selection of FieldTurf Monofilament 2"-2S for Victory Field #1. The approved price for the installation of the product on Colonial Field is not to exceed \$4.85 per square foot. The approved price for the installation of the product on Victory Field #1 is not to exceed \$4.15 per square foot.

Mr. Orlow questioned the amount of leeway a vendor has to change the product specification under the COSTARS contract. Mr. Yemm stated that it was his understanding following a conversation with the solicitor that the vendor had no leeway in regards to the product's approved specifications but that a lower price could be negotiated.

Mr. Zimmer left the meeting to participate in a conference call at 8:30 a.m.

Mr. Orlow questioned the ambiguity of the price and wanted to be sure that the district would not be held liable for the maximum amount listed in the bid recommendation. Mr. Yemm stated that he was confident that the actual price would be lower and that he was assured by the district solicitor that the bid recommendation did not need specific language regarding price. Mr. Orlow expressed concern about approving a bid prior to knowing the actual cost. He stated that he would like any motion to include language that reflected approval based upon a negotiated price that is acceptable to the Board.

Mr. Orlow also questioned the product warranty. Mr. Yemm explained that the FieldTurf warranty was for eight years and included a liability insurance limit of \$10 Million with a maximum of \$1 Million for each occurrence. See attachment #2. Mr. Yemm confirmed for Mr. Orlow that the warranty was included in the price of the installation.

The members engaged in considerable discussion regarding another vendor on the COSTARS list, Sprint Turf, which had expressed an interest in the project. Mrs. Moore mentioned that Board members had viewed installations of both products at various area locations and were unanimous in feeling that FieldTurf was the product that best suited the district's needs.

Mr. Orlow noted that the Lower Merion School District had recently installed Sprint Turf and asked Mr. Yemm if they were happy with the product. Mr. Yemm indicated that Lower Merion had experienced some concern with the bidding and approval process. Mr. Yemm also noted that the Ridley School District and the Shipley School were both happy with their FieldTurf installations.

Mr. Zimmer returned to the meeting at 8:45 a.m.

Mrs. Moore moved and Mr. Davis seconded a motion to accept the FieldTurf bid contingent upon it being in compliance with; the COSTARS contract, all of the district's normal bonding, prevailing wage and insurance requirements and subject to a final negotiated price which includes the extended warranty and is acceptable to the School Board. In addition, the award of the contract is contingent upon the District receiving any/all governmental approvals for the project. On a roll call vote, all voted in favor. The motion was carried.

Public Comment: None

There being no further business before the Board, Mr. Orlow adjourned the meeting at 8:48 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



David M. Sherman
Board Secretary