

Public Meeting
January 13, 2020
9:00 AM
Epping District Office

In Attendance: Chair Deborah Brooks, Dave Mylott, Heather Clark, Ben Leavitt, Bonnie Sandstrom, Donald Nichols and Mike Davey from EEI. Absent: Nicole Carleton

Meeting was called to order at 9:01AM.

Deb summarized the last School Board meeting that was held after the Budget Committee voted on the school's warrant articles. Since the Budget Committee voted 2-7 against the Middle/High HVAC project warrant, at that meeting the School Board had decided to remove the Warrant Article and to add a Warrant Article to hire an Engineering firm to write the RFP for the School District.

Mike said we have a couple of options, one option would be to hire an engineering firm to engineer the project for between \$25,000 and \$50,000 by going out to bid. The downside to this is like what happened to us with the Elementary School project and the budget was not enough to cover the costs and had to make cutbacks such as not replacing the Elementary school boiler. Another pitfall is that the engineering firm oversees the project and once the project is complete they are not responsible for the outcome.

The second option would be do a performance based contract – the firm must give a request for qualifications and must stand behind the performance.

Other companies that do performance based contracting besides EEI are Johnson Controls, Honeywell, Siemens, Schneider and Trane. One of the problems with Johnson Controls and Honeywell is they require you to use their proprietary equipment and usually much more expensive.

Mike handed out sample RFQ's, one from Portsmouth the other from Nashua. Mike said he would email Bonnie the one from Manchester Schools.

The School Board talked about savings on lighting and doing this separate from the heating system.

Dave motioned to withdraw the Warrant Article for \$25,000 for an engineering firm. Motion seconded by Heather. Motion passed 4-0.

The School Board decided to do an RFQ and will not submit any additional Warrant Articles.

Dave said that Heather should be the person to explain to the Budget Committee that the warrant was removed and we will be doing an RFQ. The Board asked Bonnie to notify the Budget Committee that we would be withdrawing the Warrant Article.

Deb entertained a motion to adjourn. Heather motioned; Ben seconded. Motion to adjourn passed 4-0. The meeting ended at 10:08AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Sandstrom
Business Administrator