

January 28, 1982

Minutes of the special meeting of the Board of Directors of the Skokie Public Library held Thursday, January 28, 1982.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:10 p.m. by Mrs. Diana Hunter, President.

Members present: Mrs. Diana Hunter, President; Dr. John M. Wozniak, Vice President; Mrs. Shirley Merritt, Secretary; Dr. Herman Bloch; Mr. Walter Flintrup; Mrs. Eva Weiner; Mrs. Norma Zatz; and Miss Mary Radmacher, Chief Librarian.

Also present: Harold Schiewe of S. R. Lewis, Incorporated.

REPORT FROM MR. SCHIEWE RE MONITORING MECHANICAL SYSTEM

Mr. Schiewe explained the different monitoring systems to the Board and discussed the pros and cons of them in order to help the trustees make their decision as to whether the Library should continue with the type system we have with Johnson Controls or go into a proprietary system.

Mr. Schiewe reviewed the original and current proposals from Johnson Controls, and explained the proposal that was withdrawn. He said there is a possibility that the latest Johnson proposal of 7/17/81 figures might be lowered. The costs on this proposal are maximum prices.

When Mr. Schiewe was asked what happened because the one proposal was withdrawn he explained that Johnson kept the cost at the old price of \$5,916.00.

Mr. Schiewe also spoke about the Honeywell BOSS system which he said would be controlled in Lincolnwood. He feels the Honeywell system would just be a duplicate of Johnson's system and even though their cost is less over the five year period, we do not know what their cost would be raised to after the five year contract is over.

Mr. Schiewe explained the differences between the system we are now using with the human factor and the proprietary black box system. Mr. Flintrup asked if Mr. Schiewe feels that the Johnson Control system has been satisfactory and Mr. Schiewe replied that it has been to a degree reasonably successful and that Johnson Controls has promised to improve their operation.

Mr. Schiewe said that with the proprietary system we would own or lease the equipment which is operated on site in the Library. Since there is no human intelligence contact, we would have to do our own programming and also rely on staff maintenance to take care of the problems that would arise.

Mr. Schiewe then commented on the proprietary systems of the companies that he had outlined as follows:

ENERCON - The Enercon Model 102 does not have the CRT which is very important. It has battery backup, remote dialer and will use existing wiring. The Enercon Model 210 has a CRT and can be programmed to pinpoint trouble. Mr. Schiewe said he has no experience with the Enercon system, but that Glenbrook High School has had Enercon 102 for two years.

JOHNSON CONTROLS 5000 BUILDING AUTOMATION SYSTEM - Has two systems, one with CRT and one without. It also has the transmit voltage suppressor which is important.

MCC POWERS - This is a more sophisticated system but their cost figure is too high.

HONEYWELL - Has no system to compare.

BARBER-COLEMAN - Has no system small enough.

CARRIER - Their system will not be available in time for us.

BELL SYSTEM - Is essentially time clocks.

Dr. Bloch commented that he would like to see us get into the proprietary system. He suggested we look into the possibility of having an off-duty fireman put on our payroll who could take care of the maintenance of the system.

Mrs. Hunter commented that the Library does not have a large maintenance staff and we should take a realistic view of this when considering the proprietary system.

Miss Radmacher asked about the possibility of a conflict between the proposed automated circulation system (since the computer for it will be housed in the Skokie Public Library) and with the "black box." Mr. Schiewe said that this would have to be worked out when the automation system was designed and installed.

Mr. Schiewe said that from what he has seen, there are no people around with enough knowledge to handle all the aspects of service of the proprietary system. He said that the technical people are very hard to find.

Dr. Bloch asked Mr. Schiewe, knowing our system and personnel, what is his recommendation. Mr. Schiewe said that he does not have confidence that we can make the proprietary system work well without a great many problems. His recommendation is to renew the contract with Johnson Controls, with Johnson Controls reducing the operating cost by \$160.00 per month by eliminating one of the lease telephone lines.

Dr. Bloch then made the following motion, seconded by Mrs. Weiner:

MOTION: That the Skokie Public Library Board of Trustees continue to lease a monitoring control system.

The roll was called and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Schiewe said he will speak to Johnson Controls and inform them that the Board is interested in signing a five year contract with Johnson using one telephone line and if the cost of the five year contract can be brought into the range of \$70,000 to \$75,000.

At the next regular Board meeting, the contract will be discussed.

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.


Shirley Merritt - Secretary