

Central Berkshire Regional School District
School Building Project Committee Meeting
Thursday September 14, 2017

A regular meeting of the Central Berkshire Regional School District School Building Needs Committee, held at Wahconah Regional High School in Dalton, MA, on Thursday September 14, 2017 was called to order by Co-Chair Armacost at 4:32

ROLL CALL

Present: Shawn Armacost (Co-Chair), Tom Callahan (Co-Chair), Robert Archambault (Student Rep), John Bartels, Mike Case, Wayne Cronnell, Liz Daniels, Mike Daniels, Jason Dion, Jake Eberwein, Todd Emerson, Andrew Garcia, Mike Hinkley, Kerry Mason, John McComish, , Bill Mulholland, Chuck Sturtevant, Shawn Therrien, Aaron Robb, Superintendent Laurie Casna, Assistant Superintendent Melissa Falkowski

Absent: Gary Campbell Jr., Bonny DiTomasso, Anna Duquette (Student Rep), Mike Hagmaier, Roberta McCulloch Dews, Jan Paxton, Rich Peters, Melinda Walton

Also Present: Recording Secretary, Skanska Builders, Members of the Audience

2. Validation of Agenda

Co-Chair Armacost validated the agenda as required by the open meeting law.

3. Response from Audience

None

4. Approval of minutes from May 25, 2017 meeting

MOVED BY MEMBER DION SECONDED BY MEMBER STURTEVANT

To approve the minutes of the School Building Committee minutes of September 14, 2017 as printed.

Ayes: 21 members

Nays: None.

Abstentions: None.

Motion carried unanimously.

New committee member Mike Hinkley introduced himself to the group.

5. Introduction of Skanska team

Dale Caldwell, Tom Meyer Jim Moran. John Benzinger and Ben Murphy from Skanska were present at the meeting. Dale gave a PowerPoint presentation. He stressed the importance of keeping the school committee informed about the project. Dale also noted that 100% of their jobs are done on time and on budget.

6. Overview of the Feasibility process and what to expect in the next 12-18 months

A walk through of the school is tentatively scheduled for October 12. The target date to bring the designer selection to the MSBA is December 5. The School Building Committee gets three votes and the MSBA gets thirteen votes. Skanska will do all of the reference checking for the designer. Discussion continued about the fact that MSBA dictates eligible and ineligible expenses. Currently, the cap is at \$326/sq. ft. of building, \$2400 per student on FFE, and 8% for site work. There are also utility rebates for green construction etc. Skanska also mentioned they would have a full time person on site every day of the project.

A kickoff meeting will be scheduled after the architect is hired.

The architect then enters into a feasibility study phase. Skanska will take the time to do it right, so the feasibility study will be about 6 months. The schematic design phase could be 6 months to a year.

John Benzinger stated MSBA has a regimented group of requirements of what they want to see from this phase. Once the scope of the work and budget is approved by MSBA the district has 120 days to approve the budget and the scope.

Skanska will map all of these timelines out in the future. They will also map out all of the costs regarding a renovation phased plan vs a new building. Skanska stated that they will guide this committee but they will not give recommendations.

After the design phase is complete, the committee still need to hire a general contractor or a construction manager. Once the designer is on board this committee will keep the community involved, there will also be a public presentation and they will ask for feedback.

The educational subcommittee should also start meeting. Shawn Therrien is the chair of the educational subcommittee.

When asked if we film the school building committee meetings, Superintendent Casna note that the minutes and agendas are posted online, we do not currently film the meetings but can look into that.

7. Overview of Design Team Selection Process

- a. Discussion of RFQ for Design Selection Process
- b. Selection and approval of Design Selection Team

The designer selection team will include:

Shawn Armacost, Jason Dion, Mike Case, Laurie Casna, Melissa Falkowski, Chuck Sturtevant

MOVED BY MEMBER CALLAHAN SECONDED BY MEMBER CASE

To approve the members of the Design Team Selection Process

Ayes: 21 members

Nays: None.

Abstentions: None.

Motion carried unanimously.

Laurie thanked Member Andrew Garcia for keeping the school building website and twitter communication updated over the summer.

The plan is for the entire committee to meet again in 6-8 weeks.

8. Adjournment

Adjournment 5:28 PM