

Central Berkshire Regional School District
School Building Project Committee Meeting
Thursday November 15, 2018

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 November 15, 2018 was called to order by Co-Chair Armacost at 4:32

ROLL CALL

Present: Tom Callahan (Co-Chair), Shawn Armacost (Co-Chair), John Bartels, Wendy Brown, Mike Case, Mike Daniels, Jason Dion, Bonny DiTomasso, Anna Duquette (Student Rep), Andrew Garcia, Mike Hinkley Kerry Mason, John McComish (4:42), Bill Mulholland, Jan Paxton, Richard Peters, Aaron Robb, Shawn Therrien, Melinda Walton, Assistant Superintendent Melissa Falkowski, Superintendent Laurie Casna

Absent: Robert Archambault (Student Rep), Gary Campbell Jr., Wayne Cronnell, Liz Daniels, Jake Eberwein, Todd Emerson, Mike Hagmaier, Roberta McCulloch Dews, Chuck Sturtevant, Richard Wagner

Also Present: Members of Skanska, Members of DRA, Members of various Town Green Committees, Recording Secretary

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 October 11, 2018 meeting

MOVED BY MEMBER BARTELS SECONDED BY MEMBER CASE

To approve the minutes of the School Building Committee minutes of October 11, 2018 as printed.

Ayes: 21 members

Nays: None.

Abstentions: None.

Motion carried unanimously.

5. Review Schedule for Upcoming Meetings and Deliverables - Skanska

John Benzinger of Skanska discussed the meeting schedule. The schedule is on file with the meeting minutes.

6. Architectural Design Presentation - DRA

Carl from DRA presented a slide show. The slides showed the parking area and entrance points to the new building. The building plan is meeting all of the program spaces and did not exceed any space restrictions. The dimension of the building has been tightened up. A more precise computer 3D model was shown on the slides. The roof has many sloped points on it instead of having a completely flat roof. Building materials were also discussed.

The gym and commons area will have enough natural light at certain times to eliminate using interior lighting during certain times of the day and year. Sitting areas in the common areas were shown. Some questions were asked about parking regarding traffic flow and how many parking spaces will be available.

7. Presentation from Dalton Green Committee

Committee member Wendy Brown stated she would be speaking about the Green Committees concerns. The two gentleman that the Green Committee had scheduled to attend and give a presentation were unable to attend the meeting. Wendy discussed net zero energy. History on pollutants and studies done about air quality were included in her presentation. Government programs that are being developed were talked about.

Cheryl Rose of The Dalton Green Committee stated she wanted to discuss what the two gentleman were supposed to talk about that could not attend the meeting.

Cheryl talked about the importance of looking at the real cost of going to net zero. She is asked how much the building will cost with utilities and without utilities.

Cheryl also asked the committee to look into the new state energy efficient plan where she believes there is an advisory number 56 that may give option to additional funding for energy efficiency.

Jan Bradley of Windsor also spoke. In her speech, she stated that the new building should not even have a choice of whether or not to be zero net energy.

Tom Callahan thanked the Green Committee for their presentation and their thoughts about the energy efficiency of the building. Tom and Shawn discussed the schedule for the school building with MSBA. Carl showed a projected comparison of costs based on spending the 7-8 million up front to try to get to net zero. He also showed the LEED scorecard. Assistant Superintendent Melissa Falkowski discussed the borrowing costs that would be in addition to the extra money needing to be borrowed for trying to reach a net zero building.

Various committee members addressed the Green Committee to give their input about building an energy efficient building.

8. LEED Silver Presentation – DRA

This topic was discussed throughout the meeting and with the slide show that Carl from DRA presented.

9. Vote on LEED Silver

MOVED BY MEMBER DITOMASSO SECONDED BY MEMBER CASE

BE IT RESOLVED that the Wahconah building project School Building Committee accepts the recommendation of our OPM and architect, Skanska and DRA respectively, to set LEED Silver as the baseline to which building design and associated cost shall be established.

FURTHERMORE BE IT RESOLVED that LEED Gold be evaluated for design implementation, cost, and return on investment for consideration by the school building committee at a meeting to take place no later than December 14, 2018.

Ayes: 21 members

Nays: None.

Abstentions: None.

Motion carried unanimously.

10. Vote on Construction Delivery Option – Chapter 149A CM at Risk

MOVED BY MEMBER DITOMASSO SECONDED BY MEMBER DION

BE IT RESOLEVED that the Wahconah building project School Building Committee approves of Skanska USA and DRA's recommendation to utilize "Massachusetts Chapter 149A - Construction Manager at Risk" as the construction delivery method for the construction of the new Wahconah High School. This is in lieu of utilizing "Chapter 149 Design, Bid Build Approach."

Ayes: 21 members

Nays: None.

Abstentions: None.

Motion carried unanimously.

11. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 5:58