

Central Berkshire Regional School District
School Building Project Committee Meeting
Thursday July 25, 2019

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 July 25, 2019 was called to order by Co-Chair Callahan at 4:35.

ROLL CALL

Present: Tom Callahan (Co-Chair), Richard Peters (Co-Chair), John Bartels, Gary Campbell Jr., Mike Case, Mike Daniels Luke Diccio (Student Rep), Jason Dion, Bonny DiTomasso, Todd Emerson, John McComish, Bill Mulholland, Jan Paxton, Richard Peters, Madeline Reichers (Student Rep), Aaron Robb, Chuck Sturtevant, Shawn Therrien, Melinda Walton Assistant Superintendent Melissa Falkowski, Superintendent Laurie Casna

Absent: Dr. Barbara Craft-Reiss, Wayne Cronnell, Mike Hagmaier, Mike Hinkley, Kerry Mason, Brian Rabuse, Richard Wagner

Also Present: Members of Skanska, DRA, Barr and Barr, Members of the Audience, Recording Secretary

2. Validation of Agenda

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

3. Approval of minutes from April 25, 2019 meeting

MOVED BY MEMBER DION SECONDED BY MEMBER DITOMASSO

To approve the minutes of the School Building Committee minutes of April 25, 2019 as printed.

Ayes: 21 members

Nays: None.

Abstentions: None.

Motion carried unanimously.

4. Overview of Schedule and Next Steps

Carl reviewed the agenda/schedule for submitting and Designing Development and additional meeting schedule.

5. Update on Potential Legal Challenge

Rich Peters spoke regarding the Town of Hinsdale objecting to the vote. Members of the School Building Committee reached out to the towns and Peru has voted not to litigate. Hinsdale also voted not to litigate pending some issues they want resolved. Those issues can only be resolved by votes that need to be taken at the School Committee meeting tonight. The issues are regarding the way the vote is taken and also doing everything the committee can to reduce the cost of building the school. Rich Peters suggested fundraisers and other good faith efforts to make that happen. Melissa Falkowski added that interest rates have dropped since the original quote at the beginning of this project.

Some discussion occurred regarding making the changes that Hinsdale is requesting. Tom added that reaching out to the towns has had a positive influence.

6. Presentation of Design Development MSBA Submittal Package

Carl Franchesci presented a PowerPoint of the Design Development Binder, Project Manual and Drawings. No major changes were done to the design of the building. Small changes were done to the front of the building. The site plan also remained basically the same as shown in the past presentations. The project is still on course to be occupied in the fall of 2021 with demolition starting in the spring of 2022.

7. Presentation of Design Development Estimate

The financial form 3011 was included in the PowerPoint. The budget remains the same as it was originally.

8. Executive Session

Laurie stated that we did not need an executive session.

9. Vote to Approve Proprietary Items:

MOVED BY MEMBER DITOMASSO SECONDED BY MEMBER BARTELS

Access Control: Honeywell NetAXS Security Camera
Software Compatibility: Security cameras must be compatible with “Exacqvision” Software.
Emergency Alert System: Go2Blu

That the Central Berkshire School Committee has completed review of the Design Development Submittal for the Wahconah Regional School project and vote to approve and authorize the Project Team to submit the Design Development related submittals to the MSBA for consideration.

Ayes: 21 members

Nays: None.

Abstentions: None.

Motion carried unanimously.

10. Vote to Approve Submission of Design Development Package to MSBA

MOVED BY MEMBER BARTELS SECONDED BY MEMBER DITOMASSO

That the School Building Committee approves the submission of Design Development Package to MSBA.

Ayes: 21 members

Nays: None.

Abstentions: None.

Motion carried unanimously.

11. Adjournment

Meeting Adjourned 5:44.