

Central Berkshire Regional School District
School Building Project Committee Meeting
Thursday, January 30, 2020

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 January 30, 2020 was called to order by Co-Chair Callahan at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Tom Callahan (Co-Chair), Richard Peters (Co-Chair), John Bartels, Jr., Gary Campbell, Jr., Mike Case, Jim Chivers, Dr. Barbara Craft-Reiss, Mike Daniels, Jason Dion, Bonny DiTomasso, Todd Emerson, Richard Lacatell, John McComish, Bill Mulholland, Jan Paxton, Brian Rabuse, Madeline Reichers (Student Rep), Aaron Robb, Shawn Therrien, Melinda Walton, Superintendent Laurie Casna

Absent: Wendy Brown, Wayne Cronnell, Luke DiCicco (Student Rep), Mike Hinkley, Kerry Mason, Chuck Sturtevant, Richard Wagner, Melissa Falkowski

Also Present: DRA, Skanska, Barr & Barr, Superintendent Laurie Casna, Assistant Superintendent Leslie Blake-Davis, Director of Finance and Operations Gregory Boino, Recording Secretary Michelle PH White

2. Validation of Agenda

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

3. Approval of minutes from December 18, 2019 meeting

Did not approve.

4. Schedule Update

John Benzinger provided a handout with an overview of the upcoming schedule. The handout is on file with the meeting minutes. There have been 89 RFQ submissions with five in most of the trades with the exception of four in acoustic tile and two for elevator.

The next School Building Committee meeting is March 12.

In response to the question of construction affecting spring sports, John Benzinger stated that the baseball field will not be usable until 2023.

5. Design Update

The nature of the meeting will change now that we are in construction mode. The precast packages and the specs and drawings are being worked on. There will not be many design changes. An updated site logistics was handed out. The handout is on file with the minutes. This drawing outlined areas of construction for Phase 1.

6. Logistics Plan Presentation

7. Structural Steel Subcontract Recommendation

John Benzinger said a steel subcontractor, Norgate Metals, has been selected. The company came in significantly lower than the other bidders. This is the same company that worked on the Taconic High School project and has done a great job. They will meet the aggressive schedule.

8. Vote to Approve Structural Steel Award

MOVED BY MEMBER BARTELS, SECONDED BY MEMBER CASE

That the Wahconah School Building Committee (SBC) approve the proposed contract amendment to Barr & Barr's original Owner-Construction Manager Agreement. The SBC is authorizing Barr & Barr to award a subcontract to Norgate Metals, Inc. that valued at \$3,474,168. Barr & Barr is proposing an additional \$211,500 in allowances for a total contract amendment value of \$3,685,668.

BE IT RESOLVED FURTHER that the SBC hereby authorizes the District to issue a Notice to Proceed to Barr & Barr allowing the Construction Manager to engage with Norgate Metals, Inc. for the Structural Steel early package.

Ayes: 21 members

Nays: None.

Abstentions: None.

Motion carried unanimously.

9. Motion to Authorize Superintendent and Director of Finance & Operations to Approve Change Orders funded from Contingency up to \$100,000

MOVED BY MEMBER BARTELS, SECONDED BY MEMBER DITOMASSO

That the Wahconah School Building Committee (SBC) authorize the Superintendent of Schools and/or the Director of Finance & Operations to approve Change Orders for the Wahconah Building Project from contingency funds, up to \$100,000.

In response to the question of the large dollar amount Superintendent Casna said normal change orders are between \$50,000 and \$100,000.

In response to the concern of not knowing about the change orders until after they have been approved, Vladimir Lyubetsky, DRA, said timing is important as work could be held up if every change order needed to wait for a full meeting. Superintendent Casna invited members to attend bi-weekly meetings regarding change orders. Jim Moran, SKANSKA, said he will be maintaining a change order log that members were welcome to review.

Ayes: 20 members

Nays: Member Lacatell.

Abstentions: None.

Motion carried.

10. Adjournment

The next meeting will be March 12 at 6 pm.

MOVED BY MEMBER LACATELL, SECONDED BY MEMBER MULHOLLAND

To adjourn the meeting at 6:37 p.m.