

Central Berkshire Regional School District  
School Building Project Committee Meeting  
Wednesday, September 30, 2020

**Meeting Held Via Remote Access Only**

This meeting is being held via telephone conference in accordance with the Governor of Massachusetts' March 12, 2020, Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law G.L. c. 30A, Section 20.

A regular meeting of the Central Berkshire Regional School District School Building Needs Committee, held remotely on Wednesday, September 30, 2020 was called to order by Co-Chair Peters at 4:30 p.m.

1. ROLL CALL

Present: Tom Callahan (Co-Chair), Richard Peters (Co-Chair), John Bartels, Jr., Gregory Boino, Mike Case, Jim Chivers, Barbara Craft-Reiss, Jason Dion, Bonny DiTomasso, Kerry Mason, Jan Paxton, Aaron Robb, Chuck Sturtevant, Shawn Therrien, Melinda Walton, and Superintendent Leslie Blake-Davis.

Absent: Wendy Brown, Gary Campbell, Jr., Wayne Cronnell, Mike Daniels, Luke DiCicco (student representative), Todd Emerson, Mike Hinkley, Richard Lacatell, John McComish, Bill Mulholland, Brian Rabuse, Madeline Riechers (student representative), and Richard Wagner

Also Present: DRA, Skanska, Barr & Barr, and Recording Secretary Michelle White.

2. Validation of Agenda

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

3. Approval of minutes from June 25, 2020 meeting

MOVED BY MEMBER DITOMASSO, SECONDED BY MEMBER CALLAHAN

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Tom Callahan (Co-Chair), Richard Peters (Co-Chair), John Bartels, Jr., Gregory Boino, Mike Case, Jim Chivers, Barbara Craft-Reiss, Jason Dion, Bonny DiTomasso, Kerry Mason, Jan Paxton, Aaron Robb, Chuck Sturtevant, Shawn Therrien, Melinda Walton, and Superintendent Leslie Blake-Davis.

Nays: None.

Abstentions: None.

Motion carried unanimously.

4. Skanska and Barr & Barr Update of Schedule and Progress

John Benzinger stated the project is on schedule and is 24% complete. That percent is skewed since it is based on the whole contract including the fields and demolition. The completion date remains July 27, 2021. Fields and demo work will be complete by June 30, 2022. The building will be weather tight by the end of December. Glass and glazing deliveries will arrive by mid-October, the air handler units will arrive March of 2021, and permanent power by April of 2021. FF& E will be done by July of 2021.

5. Skanska Slide Presentation of Progress Photos

Nick Lobik presented a slide of the progress since March.

A comment was made that they have never seen steel go up as quickly as it has on this project. Even those who were opposed to the project are amazed on the progress.

6. Skanska Budget Overview

John Benzinger said the budget numbers are very good and the greenhouse has since been included in the project. Some of the contingency budget will be used towards overtime, but the numbers are still low.

7. DRA Update on Furniture Selection

The furniture subcommittee has met on several occasions. Multiple samples have been delivered. The goal is to have the furniture selection bids out by the end of the year. The delivery time can be up to 14 weeks. There is also an opportunity to work with other districts who may be purchasing similar items to get a discount on larger orders.

The life expectancy of the furniture is 20-25 years, depending on how it the furniture is used. The committee is going through the existing furniture to see what could be brought to the new school. The furniture that is not used may be sent to 3<sup>rd</sup> world countries.

8. DRA Update on Color and Finish Selection

The subcommittee had early meetings to review finishes for the building and a regional color selection. The next step now that once materials have been submitted a package will be put together to show the subcommittee.

9. Open Discussion

90% of the contracts have been approved. Most are on budget with a few under budget. The heating and cooling systems are being reviewed in light of the pandemic. There are always opportunities to go on a tour. There have been no changes due to Covid in regards to modifications to the project (i.e. classroom size).

10. Adjournment

MOVED BY MEMBER DITOMASSO, SECONDED BY MEMBER CALLAHAN

*To adjourn the meeting at 5:13 p.m.*

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Tom Callahan (Co-Chair), Richard Peters (Co-Chair), John Bartels, Jr., Gregory Boino, Mike Case, Jim Chivers, Barbara Craft-Reiss, Jason Dion, Bonny DiTomasso, Jan Paxton, Aaron Robb, Chuck Sturtevant, Shawn Therrien, Melinda Walton, and Superintendent Leslie Blake-Davis.

Nays: None.

Abstentions: None.

Motion carried unanimously.