

Central Berkshire Regional School District  
School Building Project Committee Meeting  
Thursday, March 12, 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, March 12, 2020 was called to order by Co-Chair Callahan at 4:46 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Tom Callahan (Co-Chair), Richard Peters (Co-Chair), Jr., Gary Campbell, Jr., Jim Chivers, Michael Daniels, Jason Dion, Todd Emerson, Kerry Mason, Bill Mulholland, Brian Rabuse, Aaron Robb, Chuck Sturtevant, Shawn Therrien (4:55), Melinda Walton (via face time), Superintendent Laurie Casna

Absent: John Bartels, Jr., Wendy Brown, Mike Case, Barbara Craft-Reiss, Wayne Cronnell, Luke DiCicco (student representative), Bonny DiTomasso, Melissa Falkowski, Mike Hinkley, Dick Lacatell, John McComish, Jan Paxton, Madeline Riechers (student representative), and Richard Wagner

Also Present: DRA, Skanska, Barr & Barr, 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.

No comments.

3. Approval of minutes from January 30, 2020 meeting

MOVED BY MEMBER CHIVERS, SECONDED BY MEMBER EMERSON

Ayes: 15 members

Nays: None.

Abstentions: None.

Motion carried unanimously.

4. Schedule Update

John Benzinger provided a handout with an overview of the upcoming schedule. The handout is on file with the meeting minutes. The project is still on budget. The bid concrete from Margerite Concrete and site work by Maxymillian, are on budget or under. On Monday the fence will be laid out along with erosion control. Jim Moran or Nick Lobik will be on site. Tim Senecal is the representative from Barr & Barr.

5. DRA Present 90% Design Update and Outline 90% CD Submission to MSBA

Discussion of parent drop offs, when it will happen and how it will happen will be decided within the next week. The security issues were addressed in the meeting prior to the School Building meeting. Steel is already being fabricated. The walls will be living ‘green’ walls. A quick presentation of pictures of the building were shown. The square footage of the building is the same, but with thinner walls, the efficiency rating increased. The budget and construction costs have not changed. This will be submitted to the MSBA.

6. Vote to Authorize Team to Submit 90% Design and Estimate to MSBA

MOVED BY MEMBER PETERS, SECONDED BY MEMBER DION

*The Wahconah School Building Committee (“SBC”) has completed the review of the 90% Construction Document Submittal for the Wahconah Regional High School project,*

*That the SBC approve and authorize the Project Team to submit the 90% Construction Documents and related submittals to the MSBA for consideration.*

No discussion.

Ayes: 15 members

Nays: None.

Abstentions: None.

Motion carried unanimously.

7. Skanska presented proposed Contract Amendment to Barr & Barr’s Contract

John Benzinger said a site work, concrete and pre-cast steel sub-contractor has been recommended. He also discussed Barr & Barr’s fee general conditions, bond and insurance.

At this time Melinda Walton joined the meeting via Face-time.

8. Skanska presented proposed Contract Amendment to Barr & Barr’s Contract

MOVED BY MEMBER PETERS, SECONDED BY MEMBER DION

*That the Wahconah School Building Committee (“SBC”) approves the amendment to Barr & Barr’s contract, as presented.*

Ayes: 15 members

Nays: None.

Abstentions: None.

Motion carried unanimously.

9. DRA/Skanska/Barr & Barr Present Recommendation for Materials Testing Firm

This went out to bid. Four firms came back with four different prices. Allied out of Springfield came back with the lowest bid. The company is responsible for testing concrete samples, rebar connections, and verify all constructions pieces

10. Vote to Authorize Team to Approve the Materials Testing Firm Contract

MOVED BY MEMBER PETERS, SECONDED BY MEMBER DION

*That Wahconah School Building Committee (“SBC”) approves the Materials Testing Firm contract, as presented.*

Ayes: 15 members

Nays: None.

Abstentions: None.

Motion carried.

11. Upcoming Ground-Breaking Event

Aaron Robb and Tom Callahan met with Administration from Taconic and Greylock high schools to get their input. A document was created with a to do list and who is responsible. April 16 is the ceremony at 10:30 am. Due to weather the majority of the ceremony will take place in the auditorium. The actual groundbreaking will take place at the old baseball field. We need to get word out quickly, ask for more help, and solidify the list of invitees. The WRHS band will play a song written for the ceremony. The question was asked if the project would be postponed due to covid-19. The MSBA would let us know.

12. Open Discussion

Decided to wait until early May to set next meeting date.

We will invite just the press for the ‘groundbreaking’ due to COVID-19. Check-ins from members are welcome but need to make appointments. Weekly reports will be available starting March 20.

13. Adjournment

MOVED BY MEMBER MULHOLLAND, SECONDED BY MEMBER DION

Ayes: 15 members

Nays: None.

Abstentions: None.

Motion carried.

*To adjourn the meeting at 5:23 p.m.*