

The Regional School District 13 Board of Education Building Committee met in special session on Wednesday, September 11, 2019 at 6:00 PM in the Library at Coginchaug Regional High School, 135 Pickett Lane, Durham, Connecticut.

Committee members present: Mr. Overton, Mrs. Booth, Mrs. Neubig, Mr. Giammatteo, Mr. Norton
Committee members absent: Dr. Anderson, Mr. Patel
Ex officio members present: Mr. Moore, Mrs. Gaudreau, Mr. Croteau
Board members present: Mrs. Geraci
Administration present: Dr. Veronesi

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Public Comment

None.

Approval of Agenda

Mrs. Booth made a motion, seconded by Mr. Giammatteo, to approve the agenda as presented.

In favor of approving the agenda, as presented: Mrs. Booth, Mr. Croteau, Mrs. Gaudreau, Mr. Giammatteo, Mr. Moore, Mrs. Neubig, Mr. Norton and Mr. Overton. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes – June 27, 2019

Mrs. Booth made a motion, seconded by Mr. Giammatteo, to approve the agenda as presented.

In favor of approving the minutes, as presented: Mrs. Booth, Mr. Croteau, Mrs. Gaudreau, Mr. Giammatteo, Mr. Moore, Mrs. Neubig and Mr. Norton. Mr. Overton abstained. Motion passed.

Brewster/Memorial Alteration Project

Mr. Moore reviewed that our bond counsel advised that the regional plan needed to be amended in order for there to be a clean opinion on the bond. The Board of Education will this discuss further tonight. A referendum could be held in January or possibly May. The Utilization Committee will draft a report and submit it to the Board and then to the State Board of Education for approval. A public hearing would then be held at a district meeting prior to holding a referendum. The vestibule projects are part of the Brewster/Memorial alteration projects.

Building Committee Project Updates

Culvert:

There is a new set of plans for the culvert including an arch culvert rather than a box culvert. Materials are included in packet. There was a repair made to the culvert with a concrete pad. The repair will allow the overall culvert repair to take place in two years. If the repair was not done the road could have to be

closed for over a year. There is grant funding available in two years. Mr. Moore questioned whether it was more advantageous to do the project with the water main (2020) or wait. It appears that due to several factors, including environmental considerations, that waiting for two years is a better timeline. Pickett Lane will be addressed in water main project after school gets out in 2020.

Gas to School Buildings:

The state lost their gas contractor so it will not likely happen for RSD 13 this year. We are working with NORESCO for our energy savings projects and a delay will likely be a benefit for us due to the timing of various projects. There is no updated information from Eversource at this time.

The energy project will be brought to ERC at the October 16th meeting if ready.

Field Storage Building:

Mr. Overton examined the foundation, met with members of the public regarding this project, and looked at the field house in Cheshire that his company has overseen. He understands that an absence of bathrooms for big outdoor events is an issue. Donations from various groups have a “deadline” of June. Mr. Overton suggests that the plan be modified and use the Cheshire field house as comparison. The plan, as it exists, is three times as large as the Cheshire structure. Mr. Overton suggested that the unit might include a storage unit, bathrooms and concessions. It appears that same framing plan could be followed for concession. The Board has been offered \$35,000 from various organizations according to Mr. Moore. The Board asked the Building Committee to consider future operations costs before making a commitment to the project. A discussion about bathroom requirements occurred regarding requirements of total number of fixtures. Morgan High School also built a facility that Mr. Overton will visit. He suggests first building a shell, then adding fixtures and finally adding a concession area. Mrs. Booth asked why the Board would proceed with this project if the people who are donating money are giving a deadline of a June completion date and the public already voted down this project. Mr. Moore indicated that the project that would be suggested would include a shell and bathrooms at a much lower cost than the originally proposed \$800,000. A question was asked about where the money went that was dedicated to this project. The original project was approved by the people, but was not completed due to litigation costs and changed expectations. Mr. Moore reiterated that the charge of the Building Committee was to gather information on pricing to share with the full Board. An electrical unit could be beside the storage unit. If the Board has this information it will be able to make a decision.

Public Comment

Carl Stoup of Durham said there is not a need there is a have and a want. He disagrees with moving forward with this project and building a structure to protect a slab.

The next Building Committee meeting will be held at 6:00 p.m. on October 16th.

Adjournment

Mr. Moore made a motion, seconded by Mr. Giammatteo, to adjourn the meeting.

In favor of adjourning the meeting: Mrs. Booth, Mr. Croteau, Mrs. Gaudreau, Mr. Giammatteo, Mr. Moore, Mrs. Neubig, Mr. Norton and Mr. Overton. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.