

The Regional School District 13 Board of Education Building Committee met in special session on Tuesday, August 24, 2021 at 5:00 PM in the conference room at Coginchaug Regional High School.

Committee members present: Dr. Anderson, Mrs. Booth, Mr. Croteau, Mrs. Gaudreau, Mr. Giammatteo, Mr. Moore, Mrs. Neubig, Mr. Overton (arrived late) and Dr. Schuch.

Committee members absent: Ms. Aingworth and Mr. Patel

Dr. Anderson called the meeting to order at 5:00 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, approve the agenda, as presented.

In favor of approving the agenda, as presented: Dr. Anderson, Mrs. Booth, Mr. Croteau, Mrs. Gaudreau, Mr. Giammatteo, Mr. Moore, Mrs. Neubig and Dr. Schuch.

Approval of Minutes - January 7, 2021

Mrs. Booth noted that she had made the motion to approve the minutes of February 6, 2020, but did not second it.

Mr. Giammatteo made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Booth, to approve the minutes of January 7, 2021, as amended.

In favor of approving the minutes of January 7, 2021, as amended: Dr. Anderson, Mrs. Booth, Mr. Croteau, Mrs. Gaudreau, Mr. Giammatteo, Mr. Moore, Mrs. Neubig and Dr. Schuch.

Security Vestibule Update

Mrs. Neubig reported that costs increased significantly from the original quote. The board discussed reallocating the funding to other areas to be able to get more work done. Therefore, the project is no longer a Building Committee project as it no longer involves any state funding. She has applied for a security grant for the project.

Dr. Anderson asked if the district has any vulnerability with not moving forward with this project and Mrs. Neubig explained that they have looked at window film and changing the location of door locks. Mr. Moore added that it didn't make a lot of sense to protect the vestibules but leave the cafeteria vulnerable as it is full of windows. Moving forward, both outer and inner doors will be locked and anyone entering will have to check in through Lobby Guard.

The committee then introduced themselves to Dr. Schuch.

Memorial Roof

Mrs. Neubig had Michelle Miller, from Silver Petrucelli, on the phone and explained that two sections of the roof on Memorial School have been approved to be replaced as they are 26 years old. The grant was approved in June at a reimbursement rate of 55.72% which is the highest the district has seen. The next step is a meeting at the state level and will include the architect. Before that meeting, the Building committee and the Board needs to take a look at the plans.

Costs were budgeted at \$275,000 total and were included in the May, 2019 bonding referendum. Construction is planned to begin in the summer of 2022, primarily because of the timing of the grant approval.

Michelle Miller reviewed that they will be replacing the roof over the media center with the same metal roofing that is over the rest of the school and the cafeteria/kitchen area with the same type of roof system that is currently there. A little bit of brick will need to be removed to provide for insulation and one of the windows in the gym will need to be blocked. The final plans, project manuals and cost estimates are dated July 9, 2020 and will all need to be approved.

Dr. Anderson asked about where HVAC will go through and Ms. Miller explained that there are no issues and they will be just lifting all of the units because of the insulation. All vents will go up as well. Mrs. Neubig added that this work was included in the bonding because it was considered an end-of-life, critical replacement.

Mr. Giammatteo made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Booth, to certify that these final plans and project manual(s) as prepared for bidding and dated July 9, 2021 and the professional cost estimate, completed in accordance with Level 3 of ASTM International Standard E1557, Standard Classification of Building Elements and Related Sitework - UNIFORMAT II for this project, dated July 9, 2021, have been reviewed and approved for this project on the dates shown above.

In favor of certifying that these final plans and project manual(s) as prepared for bidding and dated July 9, 2021 and the professional cost estimate, completed in accordance with Level 3 of ASTM International Standard E1557, Standard Classification of Building Elements and Related Sitework - UNIFORMAT II for this project, dated July 9, 2021, have been reviewed and approved for this project on the dates shown above: Dr. Anderson, Mrs. Booth, Mr. Croteau, Mrs. Gaudreau, Mr. Giammatteo, Mr. Moore, Mrs. Neubig, Mr. Overton and Dr. Schuch.

Culvert Update

Mrs. Neubig reported that they have received the state and Local Bridge grant for a total amount of \$536,600. The original budget for the project had been \$800,000 and was part of the \$6.9 million bonding project. Costs have gone up since 2019 so it is good news. Nathan Jacobson, Sue Gaudreau and Jim Croteau did a great job convincing the state that the district qualified for the grant. The project is planned to go to bid in October, 2021 for construction to start in May, 2022 and hopefully be substantially complete by August, 2022 with final payment in September, 2022.

Mrs. Gaudreau noted that the road will not be closed while school is still in session. Mrs. Neubig also noted that Picket Lane will be repaved and they are looking at a design for the road, including bike paths on both sides. Mr. Croteau explained that the road will be 32 feet throughout, except when it gets up near Strong School, and they have increased the culvert size to 32 feet. The plan is to have the 900 feet from Main Street to the culvert in the spring of 2022.

Mrs. Neubig added that they have already gotten the local permits for the project. A herpetologist will need to be hired to be on call for the turtles in the area and they are also waiting for the utility companies to move the utilities. An easement will also be required for the culvert.

Public Comment

None.

Dr. Anderson asked if the committee wants to establish a regular schedule for meetings or to keep on an as-needed basis. Mrs. Neubig was open for suggestions but felt that an as-needed basis would be preferable as things come up along the way. Mr. Croteau would like the committee to walk through the site for the pump station as he believes it may be too close to the power lines and may have to be moved to the opposite side. Mr. Moore asked if Eversource could put the power line underground and Mr. Croteau felt that they may be able to though he did not feel it would be a problem to have the pump station on the other side.

Mrs. Neubig felt that they could do a site walk at the next meeting when they review the culvert drawings.

Adjournment

Mrs. Booth made a motion, seconded by Mr. Overton, to adjourn the meeting.

In favor of adjourning the meeting: Dr. Anderson, Mrs. Booth, Mr. Croteau, Mrs. Gaudreau, Mr. Giammatteo, Mr. Moore, Mrs. Neubig, Mr. Overton and Dr. Schuch.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:28 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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