

The Regional School District 13 Board of Education Building Committee met in special session on Thursday, February 6, 2020 at 6:00 PM in the Library at Coginchaug Regional High School, 135 Pickett Lane, Durham, Connecticut.

Committee members present: Mrs. Booth, Mr. Moore, Mr. Anderson, Mr. Giammatteo, Mr. Patel

Committee members absent: Mr. Overton

Administration present: Mrs. Neubig, Director of Finance

Others in attendance: Mrs. Gaudreau, Operations Manager, Mr. Croteau, Facilities Manager

Mr. Anderson called the meeting 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. Patel, to approve the agenda, as presented.

All voted in favor of approving the agenda, as presented.

Approval of Minutes – October 16, 2019

Mrs. Booth requested the minutes be amended to clarify wording regarding fixtures at the proposed field storage building to read “Mr. Giammatteo asked if the board of education has a procedure for accepting donations, including from plumbers, in the event they wish to donate fixtures in exchange for a plaque”.

Mrs. Booth made a motion, seconded by Mr. Anderson to approve the minutes of the October 16, 2019 meeting, as amended above.

All voted in favor of approving the minutes of the October 16, 2019 meeting, as amended.

Member Resignation

Mr. Moore informed the committee that Mr. Norton submitted a letter of resignation from the Building Committee due to time constraints.

Field Storage Building Cost Estimate/Possible Build-Outs

Mr. Moore informed the committee that Mr. Overton could not attend the meeting. Mr. Overton reported to Mr. Moore that he has confirmed the cost estimate originally provided to the committee as an accurate cost projection. Mr. Moore indicated a quote has been obtained to provide a quote on build-outs, such as sinks, bathrooms and concessions. The price of the quote to provide this service is \$1,200. The original

cost estimate of the building provided to the committee was \$120,000 to \$125,000, offset by other town organization contributions. Mr. Moore indicated another meeting can be called when the quote for build-outs is received.

Water Main/Culvert Design/Plan Review

Mrs. Neubig handed out the most recent drawings of the culvert to the committee members. The timeline for the culvert work is 2021 as well as the water main project. The culvert project presents an opportunity to apply for a grant. Mrs. Gaudreau reported the presence of wood turtles in the area, necessitating a Herpetologist to inspect the area each day before work begins.

Mr. Croteau reported Eversource is moving the poles to a temporary location and the district will need to pay for them to be re-located back, estimated at approximately \$14,000. This will be included in the total cost of construction. Mr. Anderson asked about fiber optics, which Mr. Croteau answered Comcast plans to move their poles permanently at no cost to the district. Mr. Croteau will confirm this.

The committee agreed to have Nathan Jacobson at a future meeting to present the plans for the culvert.

Finance Director: Project Status Report/Future Committee Action

Mrs. Neubig reported the safe entry vestibules for CRHS and Strong need to be re-submitted. The State has reclassified these projects from the priority list to the non-priority list, forcing a re-submission. The non-priority list is on a rolling approval basis. Hopefully this will not delay the project any further. Mrs. Neubig reported that she, Mr. Croteau and Mrs. Gaudreau met with Silver/Petrucci to begin planning for the projects covered under the \$6.9 million bonding package. The energy project scope had to be finalized first as to coordinate timing of projects. Silver/Petrucci reported they are seeing construction costs coming in at significantly higher prices. Mrs. Neubig reminded the committee that the \$6.9 million dollars was developed using a previous facilities study that is 5 years old. If prices rise 2-3% each year, the pricing could be as much as 15% higher. Mrs. Neubig reported there is a contingency amount included to help with this increase. Mrs. Neubig also reported the fire suppression system covering CRHS, Central Office and Korn School included in the project is more extensive and the budgeted amount will likely cover phase I. Mrs. Neubig recommends allocating funds to the capital reserve in the 20-21 budget to begin saving for future phases of the fire suppression system.

Mrs. Neubig reported that the proposed alterations at Brewster and Memorial Schools may be further examined and amended to include a kitchen at Brewster.

Mrs. Neubig also reported she has heard from Durham that they are experiencing cost overruns on their culvert projects. Mrs. Neubig will reach out to the Durham Director of Finance for more information.

Public Comment

Carl Stoup from Durham commented the field storage building is not needed, it is a want and will be very expensive in the future.

Adjournment

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

All voted in favor of adjourning the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:31 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly Neubig