

The Regional School District 13 Board of Education Building Committee met in regular session on Wednesday, June 7, 2023 at 5:00 PM in the library at Coginchaug Regional High School.

Committee members present: Mr. Cross, Mr. Giammatteo, Mr. Moore, and Mr. Weissberg
Committee members absent: Mr. Faiella, Mr. Mennone, Mr. Overton and Mr. Patel
Administration present: Mrs. Neubig, Mr. Proia, Mrs. Smith and Dr. Schuch
Board members present: Mrs. Dahlheimer, Mrs. Petrella and Mr. Roraback

Mr. Weissberg called the meeting to order at 5:05 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of Agenda

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

In favor of approving the agenda, as presented: Mr. Cross, Mr. Giammatteo, Mr. Moore and Mr. Weissberg. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment

None.

Approval of Minutes - May 3, 2023

Mr. Giammatteo made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cross, to approve the minutes of May 3, 2023, as presented.

In favor of approving the minutes of May 3, 2023, as presented: Mr. Cross, Mr. Giammatteo, Mr. Moore and Mr. Weissberg. Motion carried unanimously.

Pickett Lane Paving Phase 2

Mr. Weissberg reported that they have been in contact with Indus and they are very excited to begin working. Call Before You Dig marks are already in place. They are comfortable with a July 17th start date to close the road. They do anticipate doing some work the week before, with no road closures.

Mrs. Neubig explained that the contract has been signed, but no purchase order has been issued yet. There is a field meeting on June 15th. Once the design is complete, they will have a better idea of what will be needed for the topcoat. Mr. Cross got a quote from AJ for a 2" topcoat that was under \$150,000 and Mr. Weissberg felt that that was a good number.

Mrs. Neubig will let Indus know to not do any work on June 13th and 14th due to activities in the area. Dr. Schuch asked if they can publish the July 17th date and Mr. Weissberg preferred they wait until after the June meeting. Mr. Weissberg explained that the road would be open by Friday, July 21st, per the contract.

He added that work will continue in light rain, but not if water is ponding or draining into the catch basins.

Mrs. Neubig asked if anyone had a suggestion about how to reach out to the various groups. Mrs. Dahlheimer thought that they should notify the Recreation commission, not just the director. They should also reach out to Little League and tennis, plus all of the selectmen. Mrs. Neubig will also do a press release and send it out through Parent Square as well. Dr. Schuch suggested an article in the Town Times. Message boards will also be put up in advance.

Mrs. Dahlheimer noted that there had been state funding for Allyn Brook Park so she didn't believe they can restrict access to the park, but Mr. Weissberg explained that the park will be open, just not the road.

Mr. Weissberg added that after paving is complete, they will look at what they want to do for crosswalks, speed tables, etc. Mr. Overton has a drainage plan that they may be able to do pre-construction. Mr. Cross encouraged them to think about if there would be anything else they would want to put across the road before paving. Mr. Weissberg felt that the topcoat would be installed no later than the week before school. Dr. Schuch hoped that it could be a week before convocation because new teachers will be reporting for orientation and would want to see it done as early as possible.

Fieldhouse

Mr. Weissberg reported that the building plans have been received. Mrs. Dahlheimer did not think that it needs to go to Planning and Zoning, but to Zoning Board of Appeals instead to clear up any changes. Mrs. Neubig is applying for both building and zoning permits. Once they go to Best Choice Metals, they will move the project to the front of their list, fabricate it and install it. This project will not interfere with the paving project, but Mr. Weissberg would like to have this done before school starts. If the building plan get approved and the permits are not complete, Mr. Weissberg suggested asking for a special meeting.

Mr. Weissberg felt that the plans were good for the most part and the dimensions were accurate. The only concerns were that the cupolas were not included, but they found out that they do not need to be in the plans. The engineer designed a slab for the building to rest on, ignoring the existing slab that the building has to be installed on. The design called for a 16" depth and 7" anchor bolts, but the existing slab is 8". Mr. Weissberg explained that he had a conversation with them where they told him the engineer needed that design and Mr. Weissberg told them they would cancel the project. At that point, their engineer was able to find a way to make it work but the district does need to provide some additional information. The district will show them the existing conditions of the slab. Mr. Cross did not see any issues with the saw cuts in the slab. Mr. Weissberg felt that once they send them the information, the district should have something back within a week.

After the building is constructed, the committee will work on planning the next phases. Mrs. Dahlheimer reported that the state budget passed and Rep. Candelora is meeting with the governor on Monday to see if the grant will be available. If the grant is available, Mrs. Dahlheimer would like it to come to the full board before coming back to the Building Committee. Dr. Schuch added that they have notified the complainant and the attorney reviewed it as well.

School Facility Updates

Mrs. Neubig reported that they had a high-level meeting with Rusty Malik from QA+M Architects to talk about taking a look with fresh eyes. He is starting that work, looking at feasibility studies and all of Silver Petrucelli's work. They hope to meet once a month and Mr. Cross has agreed to be the Building Committee's rep on that.

There is a meeting the week of July 10th with the leadership team and Mr. Malik will go over different scenarios. Once that is done, there will hopefully be a few options for the board and the Building Committee to review. Dr. Schuch mentioned that community outreach will have to wait until the Fall.

Mrs. Neubig added that they have also been meeting with the state regarding the school construction grant. They are looking into the statutes with regard to the regionalization plan and any applications that can be submitted. She felt that they are at least two to three years out.

Public Comment

None.

Adjournment

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

In favor of adjourning the June 7, 2023 meeting: Mr. Cross, Mr. Giammatteo, Mr. Moore and Mr. Weissberg.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:32 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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