

The Regional School District 13 Board of Education Building Committee met in special session on Wednesday, December 20, 2023 at 5:00 PM in the library at Cuginchaug Regional High School.

Committee members present: Mr. Cross, Mr. Faiella, Mr. Giammatteo, Mr. Mennone (arrived late), Mr. Moore, Mr. Overton (arrived late) and Mr. Weissberg.

Committee members absent: None

Administration present: Mrs. Neubig, Mr. Proia, Dr. Schuch (arrived late) and Mrs. Smith

Board members present: Mrs. Dahlheimer (arrived late) and Mrs. Petrella (arrived late)

Mr. Weissberg called the meeting to order at 5:00 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. Faiella, Mr. Giammatteo, Mr. Moore and Mr. Weissberg. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment

None.

Approval of Minutes - November 15, 2023

Mr. Cross made a motion, seconded by Mr. Giammatteo, to approve the minutes from the November 15, 2023 meeting, as presented.

In favor of approving the minutes of the November 15, 2023 meeting, as presented: Mr. Cross, Mr. Faiella, Mr. Giammatteo, Mr. Moore and Mr. Weissberg. Motion carried unanimously.

Pickett Lane Paving Phase 2

Mr. Proia reported that the speed tables were put in a couple of weeks ago and signs have been installed. Mr. Weissberg felt that they were very effective. Mr. Moore reported he has gotten good feedback. Mrs. Neubig added that the bus drivers are fine with them.

Mrs. Neubig would like approval to pay Moffett Line Striping \$3,200, Grainger \$1,416.88 for signs, A&J Construction \$24,750 and Precise Traffic Control \$640.

Mr. Cross made a motion, seconded by Mr. Mennone, to approve payment to Moffett Line Striping \$3,200, Grainger \$1,416.88, A&J Construction \$24,750 and Precise Traffic Control \$640.

In favor of approving payment to Moffett Line Striping \$3,200, Grainger \$1,416.88, A&J Construction \$24,750 and Precise Traffic Control \$640: Mr. Cross, Mr. Faiella, Mr. Giammatteo, Mr. Mennone, Mr. Moore and Mr. Weissberg. Motion carried unanimously.

It was then agreed that Pickett Lane Paving Phase 2 is complete and will no longer be on the meeting agendas.

There was also some discussion about a driveway that was installed that meets Pickett Lane. It was agreed that that wasn't allowed and Mr. Proia will talk to the Eddingers. Mr. Weissberg felt they should be told to eliminate the driveway as it is an obvious safety issue. Mrs. Dahlheimer added that this issue had been talked about at a Planning and Zoning Commission meeting.

Pickett Lane Paving Phase 3

Mrs. Neubig reported that Brian Curtis is looking for feedback on the sidewalks. She asked if the committee would like to have their comments from the last meeting forwarded to him and Mr. Weissberg felt that was fine. He reviewed that they would be looking for a consistent four to six feet off the road and fencing in areas where they would not want encroachment, with designated areas where pull-in is acceptable. Mr. Moore noted that the district's property doesn't start until around the tennis courts. Mrs. Dahlheimer added that a new smaller playground will be going in to replace the Korn playground and significant pieces will be replaced at Allyn Brook.

Mrs. Dahlheimer also noted that she is not 100 percent positive that the new Board of Selectmen will move forward with the walkway. She is a little concerned that this may cause issues with the drainage project. Mr. Weissberg suggested reaching out to Nathan Jacobson about the drainage project and everyone agreed the drainage could still be done without the sidewalks.

Fieldhouse Update

Mr. Faiella reported that the fieldhouse made it through the recent storm and is dry. Mr. Weissberg thought that one of the outside drains should be converted to a catch basin to remove the ponding water. Mr. Proia reported that they have signed with Leading Edge Construction for the floor plans. They would like to have a field meeting to get an idea of layout. They will need to determine what type of insulation will be put in. Mr. Proia felt they will be scheduling something right after the holidays.

State Grant for Fieldhouse and Lighting

Mrs. Neubig reported that all paperwork has been submitted. Everything is now in the queue and she has been told it will be three to six months. Mrs. Dahlheimer added that she had a recent meeting with board chairs from around the state and three have already gotten approval. Mrs. Neubig also put in a waiver for the bidding process for the lights and she felt it will likely be approved.

Mrs. Neubig would like approval to pay Soundview Fencing \$5,650 for fencing and core holes and NESI \$750 for slab survey.

Mr. Faiella made a motion, seconded by Mr. Mennone, to approve payment to Soundview Fencing \$5,650 and NESI \$750.

In favor of approving payment to Soundview Fencing \$5,650 and NESI \$750: Mr. Cross, Mr. Faiella, Mr. Giammatteo, Mr. Mennone, Mr. Moore and Mr. Weissberg. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Dahlheimer asked if they were able to use existing cameras for the area and Mr. Proia explained that there are cameras on the press box but none on the physical structure yet.

Fire Pump Rehabilitation Update

Mr. Proia reported that Central Systems has done a similar project in Middletown and wants to tour both Strong and Cuginchaug after hours to get this going for next summer. The piping will be reconfigured to eliminate the pump and the vault. The vault can then be filled in if that's what the committee decides.

School Facility Updates

Mrs. Smith reported that the turf is coming in on June 17, 2024. Mr. Proia added that it is not too late to change the logo from a "C" to a Blue Devil mascot at no additional cost. Mr. Faiella felt that most people want to see the Blue Devil. Mrs. Dahlheimer would like the board to weigh in on this before any change is made. Mr. Mennone asked about fees for use of the area and Mrs. Neubig stated that she would like feedback from the Building Committee, but it would be a subject for the Policy Committee. It was generally felt that revenue generated should go back into the facility.

Mrs. Neubig reported that Rusty Malik wasn't able to come to the meeting this month, so it has been rescheduled for January 10th. Mrs. Neubig will not be at the meeting. There are community forums scheduled for January 17th from 4:00 to 6:00 PM and January 18th from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM at Memorial. They will ask people to register ahead of time, but they will not turn anyone away. Mrs. Petrella asked if there will be an opportunity for people to ask Mr. Malik questions and Dr. Schuch explained that it is not totally planned out at this point. He would like to have Mr. Malik visit the tables during the discussion time. Mr. Weissberg suggested having an FAQ at the end of the presentation. Dr. Schuch added that they chose to hold these groups at Memorial for a reason, but could consider an alternate location.

Public Comment

None.

Adjournment

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

In favor of adjourning the December 20, 2023 meeting: Mr. Cross, Mr. Faiella, Mr. Giammatteo, Mr. Mennone, Mr. Moore, Mr. Overton and Mr. Weissberg. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:42 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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