

The Regional School District 13 Board of Education Building Committee met in regular session on Wednesday, June 5, 2024 at 5:00 PM in the library at Coginchaug Regional High School. Committee members present: Mr. Cross, Mr. Faiella, Mr. Giammatteo, Mr. Moore, Mr. Overton and Mr. Weissberg.

Committee members absent: Mr. Mennone

Administration present: Mrs. Neubig, Mr. Proia, Dr. Schuch and Mrs. Smith

Board members present: Mrs. Dahlheimer, Mrs. Hurlbert, Mrs. Petrella and Mr. Roraback

Mr. Weissberg called the meeting to order at 5:02 PM.

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

### **Approval of Agenda**

*Mrs. Dahlheimer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Faiella, to approve the agenda, as presented.*

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

### **Public Comment**

None.

### **Approval of Minutes - May 15, 2024**

*Mrs. Dahlheimer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Giammatteo, to approve the minutes from the May 15, 2024 meeting, as presented.*

*In favor of approving the minutes of the May 15, 2024 meeting, as presented: Mr. Cross, Mr. Faiella, Mr. Giammatteo, Mr. Moore, Mr. Overton and Mr. Weissberg. Motion carried unanimously.*

### **Pickett Lane Paving Phase 4**

Mr. Proia explained that they received the drawing from Nathan Jacobson for the drainage at the Pickett Lane/Maiden Lane intersection. Mr. Proia reviewed it with Jeff Jacobson and it has a very limited, 1 percent slope. The only concern was that one of the catch basins ends up on Maiden Lane and Mr. Overton was surprised they were able to get the piping that far. Mr. Proia noted that one spot has a .5 percent grade.

Mrs. Dahlheimer asked about the driveway at the Eddinger farm and Mr. Proia has informed them not to use it as a driveway and installed a barricade. The driveway doesn't actually come onto Pickett Lane though he put some crushed stone down. Mr. Weissberg suggested they install a swale back to the culvert in that area with no catch basins. Mr. Overton offered to look at the area with Mr. Proia.

Mr. Proia reported that they are going to finish grading the back parking lot, add a catch basin in the center and pave it. Mr. Weissberg asked if a grading plan was necessary, but Mr. Proia did not believe it was.

### **School Facilities Update**

Mr. Moore noted that the referendum is next Tuesday. If it passes, they will quickly set another referendum for the Fall for the funding. The first referendum does have to pass separately in each town. Mrs. Neubig added that they cannot submit their application to the state without an approved referendum date.

### **State Grant for Fieldhouse and Lighting**

Mrs. Dahlheimer reported that a member of the Planning and Zoning commission was concerned that the district was doing work in the fieldhouse and they issued an email to stop work. It seems to be miscommunication between the Town of Durham and the district though Mrs. Dahlheimer felt that the district has been diligent. There were some concerns that the 90-day notification didn't happen. Mrs. Dahlheimer spent time in the Building Department this week and found the original letter to the chairman of Planning and Zoning, which included a copy of the letter sent to the complainant. The district has now submitted a zoning permit and an electrical permit for the bathrooms which is under review by the Town Planner. Mrs. Dahlheimer will reach out tomorrow to see if they need more information and felt that it should be able to be approved by the Planner without going to Planning and Zoning. Mrs. Neubig sent all of the information about the lawsuit to the town. Mrs. Dahlheimer explained that the prior First Selectman had not renewed the Town Planner's contract last June so there was some time when she was not the town's planner. The new First Selectman rehired her and she works remotely. Mrs. Neubig noted that the district's attorney took a look at it and also felt that it was just an administrative review.

Mr. Proia noted that the contractor has been saw-cutting the concrete but they are now on hold. He felt that the lights could show up any time after July 8<sup>th</sup> and cannot be installed without bathrooms being done and a CO issued. Mr. Cross added that the lights could be stored on-site without difficulty. Mrs. Dahlheimer added that there is also a new building official. He has seen the plans, but has not been on-site yet. Mr. Proia had emailed him to visit the site.

### **Athletic Field Maintenance and Repairs**

Mr. Proia is trying to move forward with the varsity baseball and softball projects by the end of the summer. They would like to install warning tracks on both fields with curtain drains. If more work is needed, they will look at that as a separate phase. Mr. Proia explained that they will be going with a local contractor and he will share the detail with the committee. Mr. Cross felt that the baseball field is straightforward, but they should take a look at the softball field. Mr. Proia added that it will be a 10-foot warning track at the baseball field and an 8-foot warning track at the softball field.

Little League has been notified as has Durham Recreation. Work will probably not start until the last week of July.

Mr. Proia also reported the Field Turf was here last week for a preconstruction meeting. Demo will start on the Friday after graduation. They offered to provide a proposal on the track as well. They do have one

other proposal as well. Mrs. Dahlheimer added that she provided Mr. Proia's contact information to the state grant writer from DEEP about the tennis courts.

Mrs. Dahlheimer asked if there had been any contact with the family that lives across from Memorial School. Nothing has been done yet as they are trying to come up with a date to meet with them. Mrs. Dahlheimer hoped it could be done before next Tuesday's referendum vote.

**Public Comment**

None.

**Adjournment**

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

*In favor of adjourning the June 5, 2024 meeting: Mr. Cross, Mr. Faiella, Mr. Giammatteo, Mr. Moore, Mr. Overton and Mr. Weissberg. Motion carried unanimously.*

The meeting was adjourned at 5:26 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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