

ELHS School Building Committee
School Committee Conference Room and Zoom Meeting
January 5, 2021 – 3:30PM
Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

Stephen Chrusciel, School Building Committee Chair
Gordon Smith, Superintendent of Schools
Pamela Blair, Assistant Superintendent for Business
Joe Dunn, Town DPW Facilities Manager
Frank Paige, ELHS Principal
Heather Brown, ELHS Director of Curriculum (absent)
Kathleen Hill, Town Council Member
Stephen Lonergan, Town Accountant
Mary McNally, Town Manager
Elizabeth Marsian-Boucher, School Committee Member
Antonella Raschilla, School Committee Member
Bruce Fenney, Superintendent of East Longmeadow DPW
Daniela LaBarre, School Psychologist and Faculty member

Other Attendees:

Dale Caldwell, John Benzinger, Ben Murphy, Victoria Clifford - Skanska USA Building, Inc.

Meeting called to order 3:32 PM

Approval of Minutes from the 12/15/21 SBC Meeting

- Gordon Smith moved to approve the 12/15/21 ELHS SBC Meeting Minutes. Stephen Lonergan seconded the motion.
 - Gordon Smith called a roll call vote:
 - Antonella Raschilla – abstain
 - Daniela LaBarre – abstain
 - Mary McNally – abstain
 - Stephen Lonergan – abstain
 - Stephen Chrusciel – yes
 - Gordon Smith – yes
 - Pamela Blair – yes
 - Frank Paige - yes
 - Joe Dunn – yes
 - Kathleen Hill – yes
 - Elizabeth Marsian-Boucher – yes
 - Bruce Fenney – no response due to audio issues
- The motioned passed.

Selection of the Designer Applications Review Subcommittee (DARS)

- Ben Murphy, Skanska, reviewed purpose of the subcommittee
- Ben Murphy confirmed the RFS was under review by the MSBA. MSBA is expected to provide their comments by the end of the week.
- It was asked if DARS would be asked to rank the applicants.
 - Dale Caldwell, Skanska, answered that DARS would come to a consensus on the top firms, and if there is one firm that the District favors, the District can specify at the Designer Selection Panel.
- Gordon Smith asked the ELHS SBC for volunteers to be on DARS. The following members volunteered:
 - Beth Marsian-Boucher
 - Stephen Chrusciel
 - Gordon Smith
 - Joe Dunn
- Gordon Smith moved to approve the four members as the Designer Applications Review Subcommittee (DARS). Beth Marsian-Boucher seconded the motion. Gordon called a roll call vote:
 - Antonella Raschilla – yes
 - Daniela LaBarre – yes
 - Mary McNally – yes
 - Stephen Lonergan – yes
 - Stephen Chrusciel – yes
 - Gordon Smith – yes
 - Pamela Blair – yes
 - Frank Paige - yes
 - Joe Dunn – yes
 - Kathleen Hill – yes
 - Elizabeth Marsian-Boucher – yes
 - Bruce Fenney – yes
- The motion passed unanimously.

Questions on Next Steps

- Gordon Smith asked Skanska what the first 90 days look like after hiring an A&E firm.
 - Dale Caldwell, Skanska, explained that there would be a team kick-off meeting, the designer would begin studying the school's existing conditions, they would prompt the District for a HS Educational Plan, they would assist with community outreach, and they would begin considering options for new construction, renovation, and addition renovation.
- Stephen Chrusciel asked Skanska what the pros and cons would be of speeding up the feasibility study process.
 - Dale Caldwell answered that it would, in turn, move up the construction start date, which would be a financial benefit due to construction escalation.

New Business

- Skanska requested that DARS meet the first week of March to evaluate applications and that the next ELHS SBC Meeting be scheduled for the second week of March to line up with the DARS report on application reviews.
- Gordon Smith tentatively scheduled the next ELHS SBC Meeting for 3/9/22 at 3:30 PM. Gordon Smith to follow up with a calendar invitation.

Kathleen Hill moved to adjourn. Steve Chrusciel. Gordon Smith called a roll vote:

- Antonella Raschilla – yes
- Daniela LaBarre – yes
- Mary McNally – yes
- Stephen Lonergan – yes
- Stephen Chrusciel – yes
- Gordon Smith – yes
- Pamela Blair – yes
- Joe Dunn – yes
- Kathleen Hill – yes
- Elizabeth Marsian-Boucher – yes
- Bruce Fenney – yes

The motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 4:15 PM.