

Greenwich Board of Education Minutes of the GHS Front Entry Committee Meeting

DATE: July 7, 2021

LOCATION: Havemeyer and Virtual via Google Meet

TIME: 8:00 am

Committee Members Present:

Stephen Walko - Chairman

Jake Allen- Vice Chairman

Maureen Bonanno-Secretary

Louis Contadino

Stephanie Cowie

Christina Downey (BOE)

Megan Galleta

Leslie Moriarty (BET)

Ex-Officio Members Present:

Steven Swidler (BOE Staff)

Craig Amundson (RTM)

Will Schwartz (DPW)

Lauren Rabin (Board of Selectmen)

Others Present:

Tom Bobkowski (BOE - Central Office)

Dan Watson (BOE- Central Office)

David Stein (Silver Petrucelli)

Dean Petrucelli (Silver Petrucelli)

Molly Saleeby

Not Present:

Ashley Cole

Ralph Mayo (GHS Principal)

Dennis Yeskey (P&Z)

1. Meeting was called to order by Mr. Walko at 8:05 a.m
2. Mr. Walko first informed the committee that Mr. Mason would no longer be on the committee and Leslie Moriarity will be representing the BET going forward. He then turned the meeting over to Mr. Stein and Mr. Petrucelli from Silver Petrucelli to present several conceptual renderings of the front entryway.
3. Mr. Walko reminded the committee that there will be no votes at this meeting

4. Mr. Petrucelli began the presentation noting that Silver Petrucelli will be presenting 5 schemes which they have fully modeled. All 5 schemes are conceptual concepts and can be interchangeable. Each scheme shows that the front office will be affected and due to a height difference of 10 inches, will require some sort of ramp to access.
 - Scheme 1
 - Security Desk is located in the center for clear visibility poking slightly into the corridor.
 - A ramp will connect to the new lobby as recommended by the state security guidelines.
 - Front desk/office does not have a view of the students or guests entering the building.
 - There is room in the lobby to be used as an extra gathering place.
 - Exterior is bold with the idea that it looks like the main entrance and it is inviting and not threatening
 - Scheme 2
 - Security desk is moved to the right and in the forefront of the plaza to see everyone approaching the building
 - Front desk is also moved to the front with a clear view of the plaza.
 - There is a smaller canopy than in Scheme 1.
 - A bolder color on the outside signifies the front so that visitors know exactly where to go.
 - Scheme 3
 - Student entry separated from visitor entry.
 - Scheme 3 also takes into consideration making the glass corridor secure.
 - Greenhouse feature included.
 - Security desk moved to the left, opposite of where students enter.
 - Wider ramp into the front office area.
 - Wood structure roof.
 - Main office does not have visibility in this scheme.
 - Outside, the bold, curved roof makes it an obvious front entry.
 - Scheme 4
 - Most subdued option.
 - Security desk on left side
 - Visitor and student entrances together, along the front.
 - Very similar to existing
 - Slight overhang with no outdoor space
 - Scheme 5
 - Bolder, contemporary design
 - Student entrance to the right
 - Security desk and main lobby together
 - Sleeker architecture
5. Comments/Questions:
 - Mr. Walko suggested that the committee review the presentation which will be distributed electronically, and meet next week to discuss the options presented.

- Ms. Downey agreed that it is a good idea to take time to digest the options and be prepared to have a list of preferences for the meeting next week.
 - Ms. Galetta requested that Silver Petrucelli rank the different schemes from a budget perspective and asked for more information on the cost of each scheme.
 - Mr. Contadino agreed with Mr. Walko and Ms. Downey that a meeting should be scheduled soon to review the options.
 - Ms. Moriarty suggested that it would be helpful to have someone present at the meeting from GHS Administration.
 - Ms. Downey stated that although she appreciates the budget perspective, it is important to keep an eye on functionality.
 - Ms. Cowie agreed that GHS Administration should be present to get a perspective on functionality.
 - Ms. Bonanno will send out the Ed Specs for the committee's review.
 - Ms. Rabin asked Silver/Petrucelli if they had experienced confusion in past projects when the security desk was placed off to the side.
 - Mr. Petrucelli responded that they had not encountered confusion when the security desk was placed to the side and noted that they are confident that they can address that concern.
 - Mr. Contadino noted that Scheme 1 was the only scheme that showed hardscaping, and requested that Silver Petrucelli include more hardscape on the other schemes. He also agreed that GHS Administration should be present.
 - Mr. Swidler inquired as to whether the next meeting could be held at GHS.
 - Mr. Walkon responded that GHS is closed to the public over the summer due to the field remediation project.
6. Discussion on Timeline
- Mr. Stein informed the committee that the school district has a consultant that will assist with the state reimbursement.
 - Given that this is a security project, it is not bound by the June 30 deadline for review by the state.
 - Once the design schematics are complete, Silver Petrucelli will submit an application to the state.
 - The rate of reimbursement varies from 20% for General Construction to 10% for New Construction.
 - As a follow up to Ms. Galetta's earlier question, Mr. Petrucelli ranked the 5 schemes in order from the most cost effective to the most expensive in the following order: 4,2,1,5,3
7. Discussion on plan going forward
- Mr. Walko suggested meeting on Wednesday, July 14th at 8am in person at a location to be determined.
8. Approval of Minutes - Motion was made by Jake Allen and seconded by Christina Downey to approve the minutes of the June 2, 2021 meeting. The motion was approved.
9. Adjourn
- The meeting was adjourned by Mr. Walko at 9:38 am.

Submitted by Maureen Bonanno July 8, 2021