

**Waterbury Board of Education
Building & School Facilities Committee Minutes
Via ZOOM
April 26, 2021**

Call to Order: 5:30 p.m.

Present:

Ann Sweeney, Chairman
Rocco Orso, Commissioner
Charles Stango, Commissioner

Doreen Biolo, Chief Financial Officer
Chris Harmon, School Inspector
Rosh Maghfour, Accounting Manager
Debra Ponte, Principal
Verna Ruffin, Superintendent of Schools
Will Zhuta, Supervisor of Management, Information & Technology

Kerri Baker, Parent Representative
David Cote, Waterbury Development Corporation
Tom DiMauro, Newfield Construction
Brian Grant, Newfield Construction
Michael LeBlanc, City of Waterbury Finance Director
Bryce Sens, Friar Architecture

Item #1

1. PowerPoint Presentation

1a) Project Update

Mr. Maghfour shared a PowerPoint with overview of the site and project data. Overall project is approximately 75% complete with substantial completion on schedule for July 30, 2021. Project is on schedule and under budget.

- Masonry and cement siding is substantially complete. Window frame and glass installation will be ongoing through mid-May.
- Roofing complete with exception of gutters, snow guards, and downspouts to be done by end of month.
- Phase Five/Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment have all been purchased off of current CT State Contracts.
- Phase four/Playgrounds – the contractor is set to mobilize in mid-June.

1b) Change orders

Mr. Maghfour reviewed four change orders – 019, 020, 021, and 022.

Commissioner Orso asked about Change Order 020 – Revised Floor Moisture. Mr. Sens stated the original system, epoxy moisture mitigation, was labor intensive and

a newer product, double-sided tape system, that is less intensive and can be walked on immediately.

1c) Good Jobs/Labor Update

Brian Grant stated it has plateaued and percentages have been maintained even though major trades have finished up. Every week it is brought up in the meetings, all managers understand the importance of it.

Most unions do not have local residents on the bench in specialty trades like steel erection, welding, spray insulation, et cetera.

Mr. LeBlanc reported that he and Mr. Maghfour met with the project's representatives to receive an update on the status of the project. There is a lot of work yet to be done as scope transitions to final phase but they both walked away with a comfort that the coordination efforts are holding strong. Discussed was also the potential of moving some of the landscaping work to be done to the fall when there's a better chance of those improvements taking throughout the fall through the winter. They're also looking for opportunities/solutions on the parking side of the project. Commissioner Orso asked if the 80 parking spots would be sufficient for staff. Ms. Ponte stated it will be close.

Item #2

Approval of Change orders 019, 020, 021, and 022 for the Wendell Cross Elementary School Project.

Motion by Commissioner Orso and seconded by Commissioner Stango to approve change orders 019, 020, 021, and 022 for the Wendell Cross Elementary School Project. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion to adjourn at 5:53 p.m. by Commissioner Orso and seconded by Commissioner Stango. Motion passed unanimously.