

**Waterbury Board of Education
Building & School Facilities Committee Minutes
Via ZOOM
March 1, 2021**

Call to Order: 5:30 p.m.

Present:

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

William Clark, Chief Operating Officer
Debra Ponte, Principal
Verna Ruffin, Superintendent of Schools

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

Item #1

1. *PowerPoint Presentation*
 - 1a) *Project Update*

Mr. Clark shared a PowerPoint with overview of the site and project data. Emergency generator has been installed and power is up on the site.

Phase five/Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment including kitchen/custodial and technology – phase went up to State and everything is moving along. We will be going out to bid on a number of those contracts along with purchasing off current CT State contracts.

Phase four/playgrounds – vendor selection has been made. Corporation Counsel is working on the contract to make the next round of Board of Education and Board of Aldermen meetings.

- 1b) *Change Order Review*

Four change orders – 015, 016, 017, and 018. Minor revisions to different plans, nothing out of the ordinary and/or unexpected.

- 1c) *Good Jobs/Labor Update*

Mr. Clark stated they have been working closely with Larry DeVito from Northwest Regional Workforce Investment Board who tracks everything and they don't get approved unless he's satisfied with the project, he has the power to halt the job if necessary. They're doing their best to meet the goals. There are a number of contractors exceeding/meeting the goals. Other projects going on are also facing challenges during this COVID time – everyone who has a project is grabbing from the same pool. Most unions do not have local residents on the bench in specialty trades.

Mr. Clark presented various photos and their stages of the project.

Commissioner Orso questioned whether the weather in the past week or two has had an impact. Mr. Grant stated prior pushing to enclose the project enables them to work indoors. There was an accumulation of snow on the roof but it was determined to wait it out and the roof is now 90% clear.

Commissioner Harvey questioned security. Mr. Clark stated there are funds budgeted if and when needed. The site is completely lighted and fenced in.

Commissioner Sweeney questioned the timetable of the Good Jobs report since it states December 2020. Mr. Clark believes it's cumulative to that point. He will work with Committee to develop a more cohesive report if desired.

Item #2

Approval of Change Orders 015, 016, 017, and 18, for the Wendell Cross Elementary School Project.

Motion by Commissioner Orso and seconded by Commissioner Stango to approve change orders 015, 016, 017, and 018 for the Wendell Cross Elementary School Project. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion to adjourn at 6:09 p.m. by Commissioner Harvey and seconded by Commissioner Stango. Motion passed unanimously.

Minutes prepared by Carrie A. Swain, Clerk