

**Waterbury Board of Education
Building & School Facilities Committee Minutes
Via ZOOM
January 19, 2021**

Call to Order: 5:32 p.m.

Present:

Ann Sweeney, Chairman
Karen Harvey, Commissioner
Rocco Orso, Commissioner
Melissa Serrano-Adorno, 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
Tom DiMauro, Newfield Construction
Brian Grant, Newfield Construction
Michael LeBlanc, City of Waterbury Finance Director
Bryce Sims, Friar Architecture

Item #1

Wendell Cross Project review/update including Good Jobs compliance update.

Mr. Clark shared a PowerPoint with overview of the site and project data. The project is in phase three/construction phase. Masonry and winterizing are the key elements being focused on. Roof top units have been installed which helps to heat areas in the building and move air around. Interior work is moving along. The project is about 55% complete.

Mr. Clark stated a detailed Good Jobs report will be given at a future meeting, Newfield is working closely with NRWIB to verify all numbers, it has been challenging due to COVID. Many of our contractors have been exceeding the quotas and we're working with others to move along and do better with some of their numbers.

Phase 4/Play Equipment. Mr. Clark noted there are two playgrounds and shared drawings and specifications. The facilities department and the school have been consulted. Playgrounds are handicap accessible. Mr. Clark commented it was a competitive bid and the company recently finished work at Hopeville Park area.

Phase 5/Furniture, Fixtures, Equipment and Technology. All items will be purchased off current State contracts. This includes kitchen equipment, custodial package. All staff impacted have been consulted.

Technology – there is a technology consultant conferring with Will Zhuta and includes all the network and equipment, voice-over IP phone system, and security systems that are currently utilized.

Commissioner Harvey requested pictures of the project status be uploaded to the district's website so the public can view the process/status. Ms. Ponte is currently uploading pictures to the school's website and will add the photos presented tonight.

Commissioner Harvey asked how soon a Good Jobs report would be available. Mr. Clark stated it's a matter of putting all the data together. NRWIB has been involved since day one, involved in the bidding process and at the site. Everyone wants to make sure the data is accurate. Once finalized he will share with the Committee.

Ms. Baker questioned whether the need for additional electrical outlets was considered due to the increase in students having one to one devices. Mr. Clark stated yes and that the district will also purchase more carts so they can serve as recharge areas, security areas.

Item #2

Review and approval of Final Plans, Form SCG-042/Phase 4, Play Equipment Final Documents/Cost Estimate for the Wendell Cross ES Project.

Motion by Commissioner Orso and seconded by Commissioner Harvey to approve Final Plans, Form SCG-042/Phase 4, Play Equipment Final Documents/Cost Estimate for the Wendell Cross Elementary School Project– motion passed five to zero.

Item #3

Review and approval of Final Plans, Form SCG-042/Phase 5, Furniture, Fixtures, Equipment and Technology Final Documents/Cost Estimate for the Wendell Cross ES Project.

Motion by Commissioner Harvey and seconded by Commissioner Stango to approve Final Plans, Form SCG-042/Phase 5, Furniture, Fixtures, Equipment and Technology Final Documents/Cost Estimate for the Wendell Cross ES Project – motion passed five to zero.

Motion to adjourn at 6:04 p.m. by Commissioner Orso and seconded by Commissioner Stango. Motion passed unanimously.

Minutes prepared by Carrie Swain, Clerk.