

**Waterbury Board of Education
Building & School Facilities Committee Minutes
Via ZOOM
December 17, 2020**

Call to Order: 5:30 p.m.

Present:

Ann Sweeney, Chairman

Karen Harvey, Commissioner

Rocco Orso, Commissioner

Melissa Serrano-Adorno, Commissioner

Charles Stango, Commissioner

(Non-Committee Commissioners present: President Pagano and Commissioner Brown)

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

Michael Sorano, Friar Architects

President Pagano spoke at the onset of the meeting appointing Ann Sweeney as the new Chairperson of the Building and School Facilities Committee to replace Jason Van Stone who resigned from the Board of Education. He further appointed Commissioner Charles Stango to the Committee.

Item #1

PowerPoint – Project Update

Mr. Clark shared the PowerPoint with those present. This included an overview of the site and project data. The project is in phase three/construction phase. It is currently being winterized so the interior can be worked on in the winter. Masonry is almost completed as far as exterior and structure, roof work of most sections are completed, driveway base has been completed, and the interior work is progressing in the upper part.

Phase IV/Playground and Phase V/Furniture, Fixtures, and Equipment are being finalized and will be coming to the Committee in January.

Item #2

Review and approval of Change Orders 009, 010, 011, 012, 013, and 014 for the Wendell Cross Elementary School Project.

Change order total:	\$235,017.41
Construction Manager Contingency	\$136,214.18 (balance of \$196,590.64)
Owner's Contingency	\$98,803.23 (balance of \$138,437.61)
Remaining total contingency:	\$335,038.25

Brian Grant of Newfield Construction reviewed specifics of the change orders with the Committee and the process undertaken for change orders.

Commissioner Orso complimented the team on their extensive review of change orders and the involvement of all team members in the construction process.

Commissioner Harvey asked if there is a need for modifications due to COVID. Mr. Clark stated the members of the team are sharing their information and recommendations along with insight from the State. However, they do not want a totally unique building so it can be managed with our local teams.

Commissioner Harvey asked when the Committee will start to receive a Good Jobs Report. Mr. Clark stated maybe at the next meeting but requirements have been followed. Mr. LeBlanc stated since the start of the project NRWIB reviews and certifies for Good Jobs compliance every application for payment before the payment is released.

Motion by Commissioner Orso and seconded by Commissioner Serrano-Adorno to approve change orders 009, 010, 011, 012, 013, and 014 – motion passed five to zero.

Motion to adjourn at 6:13 p.m. by Commissioner Orso and seconded by Commissioner Serrano-Adorno. Motion passed unanimously.

Minutes prepared by Carrie Swain, Clerk.