

**Waterbury Board of Education
Building & School Facilities Committee Minutes
Via ZOOM/Teleconference
June 18, 2020**

Call to Order: 6:03 p.m.

Present:

Jason Van Stone, Chairman
Karen Harvey, Commissioner
Rocco Orso, Commissioner
Ann Sweeney, Commissioner
William Clark, Chief Operating Officer
Michael LeBlanc, City of Waterbury Finance Director
Verna Ruffin, Superintendent of Schools
Kerri Baker, Parent Representative

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

Tom DiMauro, Newfield Construction
Brian Grant, Newfield Construction
Bryce Sens, Friar Architects
David Cote, Waterbury Development Corporation
Ken Russo, Waterbury Development Corporation

Item #1

Amendment Two to the Agreement with Newfield Construction, LLC for Construction Manager at Risk Services for the Wendell Cross Project.

As discussed previously, there were some issues with respect to the soil and additional rock on the site. Mr. Clark stated the Amendment will move owner contingency monies already set aside and will put them into their contract for Newfield to begin preparing change orders to finish up soil remediation work.

Change orders will come back through the chain of command.

Steel and concrete work continues. The structure will begin to take shape as steel arrives on the site.

Mr. LeBlanc stated Amendment Number One previously before the Committee established the guaranteed maximum price of the project at \$40,687,000. At that time it wasn't known that there was some significant cost related to rock and unsuitable soils otherwise they would have incorporated that into Amendment One.

Commissioner Orso questioned the change order review and approval process.

Mr. Clark stated it's a team process. Waterbury Development Corporation works through and very closely with Newfield and Friar and then that goes through himself,

Mike LeBlanc, and Rosh as well. Ken Russo and Dave Cote are on the ground working on this project and analyzing costs, et cetera.

Commissioner Orso asked whether soil samples were taken before, borings, or anything like that? Mr. Clark stated they did do the borings and it indicated the soil was better than they thought with respect to environmental and rock. The problem was around some of the borings once they got in the ground they found a bunch of stuff, not big enough to build on, not small enough to leave there or build on. Mr. LeBlanc and I were very much concerned about what we were going to build on; the further you went some more issues you found. Some sections were fine but there were a few pesky sections.

Commissioner Jason Van Stone said we're using up about 80% of our contingency, if we happen to breach that whatever's left, \$300,000, what happens in that case? Mr. Clark said then we have a problem. We'd get back to the Committee and the State but realistically we're there looking at other aspects of the project, other bid packages, ways to save monies. The construction piece of this is not extremely complex and we don't anticipate, not a design where we have elements coming from a bunch of different places.

Ms. Baker questioned who is overseeing the internal workings in the classroom aspect and with the fact there's no principal, who is overseeing that piece? Mr. Clark stated Ms. Elias was involved in selection of furniture and some other things. She was part of a larger committee. A lot of it has actually already been done. We're in a good place and had a good consensus.

Motion to approve Amendment Two to the Agreement with Newfield and send to the full Board. Motion by Commissioner Ann Sweeney and seconded by Commissioner Orso. Motion passes four to zero.

Motion to adjourn at 6:30 p.m. by Commissioner Harvey and seconded by Commissioner Sweeney. Motion passes unanimously.

Minutes prepared by Carrie Swain, Clerk.