

**Waterbury Board of Education  
Building & School Facilities Committee Minutes  
April 9, 2020**

**Call to Order:** 5:30 p.m.

**Present:**

Chairman Jason Van Stone, Chairman  
Commissioners Karen Harvey, Commissioner  
Rocco Orso, Commissioner  
Melissa Serrano-Adorn, Commissioner  
Ann Sweeney, Commissioner  
Michael DiGiovancarlo, Alderman  
Roger Sherman, Alderman  
William Clark, Chief Operating Officer  
Michael LeBlanc, City of Waterbury Finance Director  
Verna Ruffin, Superintendent of Schools  
Kerri Baker, Parent Representative  
David Davidson, Community Representative

**Item #1**

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

Mr. Clark stated this is the first amendment to previously approved contract that puts in the guaranteed maximum price for the construction management and services to build the school.

Mr. LeBlanc reviewed previous phases of the project. Stated phase three comprised of over 20 different bid packages. This amendment, which includes the construction manager fee tied to the project, establishes the guaranteed maximum price to \$40,686,638.00 and it's incumbent on Newfield to bring this project home at that price.

Comments regarding project status due to COVID-19:

- Steel manufacturing on hold; plant in Canada shut down. Being monitored closely and researching other options.
- Site work and concrete work is continuing; work is primarily outside.
- Precaution measures are being taken with workers including daily temperatures and porta potties. Newfield has been following executive orders from the Governor's Office.
- Grant for project has already been awarded and there's no indication there would be issues of the commitment of this project.

Good Jobs Ordinance provisions questioned and it was stated that Northwest Regional Workforce Board participated in the bid process. Additional review will kick in when construction begins and will be monitored by Northwest Regional Workforce Investment Board. Each of the monthly payment application require a sign-off from the NRWIB and

do not get processed without certification that compliance for the trade work is in accordance with the Good Jobs Ordinance.

Motion to approve and send to full Board – Sweeney/Harvey. Motion passes unanimously.

Motion to adjourn at 6:00 p.m. – Sweeney/Orso. Motion passes unanimously.

Minutes prepared by Carrie Swain, Clerk.