

GREATER FALL RIVER VOCATIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
HOUSEBUILDING/FACILITIES SUB-COMMITTEE MINUTES
251 STONEHAVEN ROAD, FALL RIVER, MA
DISTRICT OFFICE CONFERENCE ROOM
OCTOBER 12, 2023

In attendance: Donald DiBiasio of Somerset, Joan Menard of Fall River and Paul Jennings of Westport

Also in attendance: Brian Bentley, Superintendent-Director, Andrew Rebello, Assistant Superintendent-Principal, Gregory Brillhante, Legal Counsel and Stephanie Ferreira

Remote attendance: Maria Torres, Assistant Principal-Technical Affairs and Decio Matos

The meeting began with a roll call at 5:09 p.m.

It was moved by Mr. Jennings, seconded by Ms. Menard and voted unanimously to dispense with the reading of the September 14, 2023 minutes and approve them, as recorded.

Mr. DiBiasio deferred to Mrs. Torres for community projects update. Two new projects have been received. One is for the replacement of the boiler for the Westport Fire Department and the other is for the Westport Land Trust for the Kirby House. Students have been working on the bathrooms at the Westport cemetery and doing very well. The cemetery project is expected to be finished in November. Mr. Bowen has visited the Somerset concession stand to see what materials are needed for the project and will be meeting next week to finalize the details.

Mr. DiBiasio began the discussion on the questions submitted by the homeowner on the contract for the 23/24 Housebuilding project. Mr. DiBiasio read contract clause number two and asked Mrs. Torres if it had been take care of. Mrs. Torres replied that it had. Mr. DiBiasio moved on to clause number seven and asked Mrs. Torres what her recommendation is. Mrs. Torres stated that in her opinion this clause should be removed due to the \$15,000 fee which is in place to cover such items. Mr. DiBiasio requested that Mr. Kitchen contact HUB the District's insurance carrier to see if the coverage of equipment and containers can be added to the District's insurance policy. Mr. DiBiasio stated that the reason this clause is in the contract is due to the recommendation of the insurance company. If this coverage can be added to our policy it can be removed from the contract.

Mr. DiBiasio moved on to clause number nine and stated that as long as the homeowners insurance has the liability coverage and names Diman as being covered or provide an acknowledgement that our students on the property are protected it shouldn't be an issue. Mrs. Torres stated that both clause number seven and nine were added to the contract per the recommendation of HUB. The homeowners insurance (Travelers) has n thirteen insurance brokers and they all have declined list Diman on the policy.

Mr. DiBiasio asked Attorney Brillhante if the contract language is new for this project. Attorney Brillhante stated that not in its entirety. The contract was sent the HUB for review and their recommendations were added. Mr. DiBiasio asked if the contract is used for all community projects or is it just used for a long term project. Mr. Kitchen will contact HUB to discuss the recommendations and will report back. Mrs. Torres stated that there is still the issue that the homeowner is not able to find a broker that will add Diman to the policy.

Mr. DiBiasio stated that clause 14 section c is also being questioned by the homeowner as they would like to know what happens if in the event the work cannot be finished by the second week of June. Mr. DiBiasio further stated that he asked the homeowner that question at the September 14, 2023 meeting and Mr. DeMelo stated that he would not have an issue finishing the work himself or

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having the students return in September to finish. Mrs. Torres stated that the homeowners are looking to have the project completed to use next summer and if the work is not finished they are looking to have the second payment prorated accordingly as listed in contract under clause 14 section c. Mr. DiBiasio stated that the homeowners are fully aware that the project is starting late therefore there's a very high probability that some work may not be finished. Mr. DeMelo clearly stated at the September meeting that he would not have an issue finishing the work. There was never any mention of prorating the second payment. The \$15,000 dollar fee is used to cover the storage container, tools and anything else needed by the students for the project. Diman does not charge for labor.

Mr. DiBiasio asked that Mrs. Torres, Mr. Kitchen and Attorney Brillhante work with the homeowners to resolve the insurance issues so the project can move forward. The appropriate insurance coverage needs to be in place so that students and staff are protected and equipment is covered.

It was moved by Mr. Jennings, seconded by Ms. Menard and voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 5:27 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Helena S. Neves

Helena S. Neves, Executive Secretary

Materials Included:

September 14, 2023 minutes

Community Projects List

23/24 Housebuilding Program Contract

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