

Diman Regional Vocational Technical High School
School Building Committee Minutes
251 Stonehaven Road, Fall River, MA 02723
March 3, 2022

In attendance:

Tim Alix, Colliers	Greg Joynt, KBA	Craig Olsen, KBA
Paul Beaudoin	Steven Kitchin	Andrew Rebello
Tina Bell	Thomas Librera	Aaron Soares
Emanuel Botelho	Decio Matos	Carl Sawejko
Donald DiBiasio, Chair	Michael McCann	Maria Torres
Paul Dominov, KBA	Helena Neves	Katie Warren
Elvio Ferreira	Debbie Pacheco	

Absent:

Glenn Benevides	Michael Dion	Holly McNamara
Miles Brilhante	Ed Hill	Joan Menard
Steven Cloutier	Deborah Kenney	Rajiv Nehra, Vice-chair
Alan Minkus, Colliers	Lorne Lawless	John Pimentel
Lisa Desrosiers		Tracy Priestner

***BOLD – Voting Member**

Dr. Ferreira called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm

Ms. Neves took attendance through the Zoom Link

Dr. Ferreira informed the members that Mr. Donald DiBiasio, was participating via telephone.

Dr. Ferreira called for a motion to approve the January 27, 2022 meeting minutes as presented. Mr. Carl Sawejko made the motion, Ms. Tina Bell seconded the motion, the motion was unanimously voted on by attending members.

Dr. Ferreira had Mr. Tim Alix from Colliers provide an update. Mr. Alix stated that there were no updates due to presently waiting on the votes from the sending communities.

Dr. Ferreira had Mr. Gregory Joynt from Kaestle Boos provide an update. Mr. Joynt stated that there were no updates due to presently waiting on the votes from the sending communities.

Dr. Ferreira reported on current standing and meetings with sending communities. Dr. Ferreira reported on meetings which already took place with Westport, Somerset, and Swansea. Dr. Ferreira reported on the Fall River meeting that took place on February 22, 2022. A vote of 6 to 3 was taken by the City Council to approve the project. Mayor Paul Coogan has issued a Veto. City Council has a special meeting tonight at 7:00 pm.

Mr. Decio Matos asked the Members if the Fall River vote is placed on a referendum for the residents to vote on and it doesn't pass, will Diman have another opportunity to go for another vote.

Dr. Ferreira stated that Diman School Committee can make the decision to run their own referendum which would need to take place by July 15, 2022.

Mr. Decio Matos asked what steps are being taken and when can the process start.

Dr. Ferreira stated that legal counsel has advised that we wait for the City Council vote to move forward.

Mr. Steven Kitchin asked if Dr. Ferreira knew why the Mayor had executed his veto and if the City Council's vote had been a procedural issue.

Dr. Ferreira stated that Mayor Coogan used city ordinance 2-131 as the reason for the veto and that the City Council wants to follow the correct procedures to ensure their vote is valid.

Dr. Ferreira called for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Kitchin made the motion, Ms. Bell seconded the motion, the motion was unanimously voted on by attending members. The meeting was adjourned at 5:42 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Helena S. Neves

Helena S. Neves, Executive Secretary