

Diman Regional Vocational Technical High School
School Building Committee Minutes
Auditorium, 251 Stonehaven Road, Fall River, MA
June 18, 2020

In attendance:

Tim Alix, Colliers	Deborah Kenney	Rajiv Nehra, Vice Chair
Tina Bell	Steven Kitchin	Craig Olsen, KBA
Glenn Benevides	Greg Joynt, KBA	Phil Palumbo
Myles Brilhante	Decio Matos	Andrew Rebello
Donald DiBiasio, Chair	Michael McCann	Carl Sawejko
Elvio Ferreira	Joan Menard	Maria Torres
Ed Hill	Alan Minkus, Colliers	

Lucy Thompsen, Recording Secretary
Greg Brilhante, School Counsel

Absent:

Paul Beaudoin	Albert Dupere	Debbie Pacheco
Randy Benevides	Michaela Hetzler	John Pimentel
Amy Bosse	Thomas Librera	Tracy Priestner
Emanuel Botelho	Raymond Machado	David Salsinha
Patrick Bowen	Holly McNamara	Mitch Sweet
Steve Camara	Lois Miller	Steve Vaitses
Steven Cloutier	Steven Moniz	Katie Warren
Lisa Desrosiers	John Narcizo	
Michael Dion	Paul Nogueira	
Michael DoCouto	Steven Ouellette	

Mr. DiBiasio called the meeting to order at 4:07 p.m. The sign in sheet will serve as the roll call.

It was moved by Mrs. Kenney, seconded by Mr. Sawejko, and voted unanimously to dispense with the reading of the May 21, 2020 minutes and approve them, as recorded.

Mr. Phil Palumbo, Project Manager, Colliers, provided a schedule update. The Preliminary Design Submission is due on September 23, 2020. Mrs. Kenney asked about the enrollment study. Dr. Ferreira reported that the three scenarios are included in the Ch. 74 Viability Form, studying the existing 1,400 student population, max of 1,645 students and between 1,400 – 1,645 students. The Visioning Sessions are scheduled for July 7th, 8th, and 16th.

Mr. Brian Solywoda of Kaestle Boos Associates introduced Mr. Greg Joynt, Project Architect and Mr. Craig Olsen, Project Manager. Mr. Olsen provided a design update - an existing conditions evaluation was performed in the building. He provided an overview of the three options that will be explored with

the project – base repair, addition/renovation and new construction. Mr. Joynt further provided a report on the existing conditions evaluation. Key areas of the evaluation are existing utilities, building code, wetlands, grade differentials, base building repair (abatement), added fire protection, safety and security. Mr. Olsen gave an overview of the next steps – visioning workshops, educational program, initial space summary; and, site development options. At the completion of the visioning workshops, a report will be completed.

Mr. DiBiasio explained that he preferred that the visioning sessions be held in person and in one room. He is waiting to hear back from the Venus de Milo regarding possibly holding the visioning sessions there. The secondary plan would be to hold the sessions at the school. There was a consensus among members to hold the visioning sessions in the cafeteria.

Mr. Olsen requested that a working group of 10-15 individuals be formed as a regular contact, with bi-weekly meetings to be set up shortly.

Mr. Kitchin asked about the November 2021 vote, the town of Swansea will require a debt exclusion, which will require a town meeting and a general vote. Mr. Palumbo stated that the local vote is on track for fall of 2021. Dr. Ferreira further reported that, for the Feasibility Study, Westport and Somerset did not require a debt exclusion. Mrs. Bell asked about community involvement (social media, website, etc.). Mr. Olsen, Mr. Joynt and Mr. Palumbo explained that KBA and Colliers will work with the School Building Committee/District to create a project link in the next few weeks. Mr. Sawejko asked for information before the July 7th meeting regarding successful projects that have been completed.

The next School Building Committee meeting is scheduled for July 16th.

It was moved by Mr. Kitchin, seconded by Dr. Ferreira, and voted unanimously to adjourn at 4:51 p.m.