

Diman Regional Vocational Technical High School
School Building Committee Minutes
Virtual Meeting
April 16, 2020

In attendance:

Tim Alix, Colliers	Deborah Kenney	Phil Palumbo, Colliers
Tina Bell	Steven Kitchin	Tracy Priestner
Glenn Benevides	Thomas Librera	Andrew Rebello
Amy Bosse	Michael McCann	Carl Sawejko
Myles Brilhante	Holly McNamara	Brian Solywoda, Kaestle Boos
Steven Cloutier	Joan Menard	Maria Torres
Donald DiBiasio, Chair	Lois Miller	Steve Vaitses
Paul Dominov, Kaestle Boos	Alan Minkus, Colliers	Katie Warren
Elvio Ferreira	Kris Morin, Colliers	Jon Winikur, Colliers
Michaela Hetzler	Rajiv Nehra, Vice Chair	
Ed Hill	Craig Olsen, Kaestle Boos	
Gregory Joynt, Kaestle Boos	Debbie Pacheco	Lucy Thompsen, Recording Secretary

Absent:

Paul Beaudoin	Michael Dion	John Narcizo
Randy Benevides	Michael DoCouto	Paul Nogueira
Emanuel Botelho	Albert Dupere	Steven Ouellette
Patrick Bowen	Raymond Machado	John Pimentel
Steve Camara	Decio Matos	David Salsinha
Lisa Desrosiers	Steven Moniz	Mitch Sweet

Mr. DiBiasio called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m. Mrs. Thompsen called out the names and phone numbers listed on the call.

It was moved by Mr. Kitchin, seconded by Mrs. Torres, and voted unanimously to dispense with the reading of the October 21, 2019 minutes and approve them, as recorded.

Mr. Phil Palumbo, Project Manager, Colliers, introduced the Colliers International team – Jon Winikur, Tim Alix, Alan Minkus, and Kris Morin. He provided an overview of the project schedule of MSBA’s Modules 2 – 5. He further provided an overview of the process of selecting a designer – Kaestle Boos Associates was awarded the project at the February 25th MSBA meeting and has executed a contract with the District. The District is currently in the Feasibility Study Phase, which consists of studying educational programming, educational planning, and the existing building and site. Multiple options

will be provided at the completion of the phase – addition/renovation or a ground up project. The goal is to have the Preferred Schematic Report Submission to the MSBA in December 2020, and approval at the February 2021 MSBA Board Meeting. The Schematic Design final submission date will be in May 2021 and will then move into Module 5 (funding the project). The goal is to have the funding completed in November 2021. Mr. Palumbo further provided an overview of the project work plan. The goal for construction bidding is January 2023.

Mrs. Torres asked about the educational planning stage. Mr. Palumbo explained that due to the pandemic, the visioning sessions may have to begin in the summer.

Mr. Brian Solywoda, principal of Kaestle Boos, introduced his team – Craig Olsen, Greg Joynt, and Paul Dominov. Mr. Solywoda provided a background of the firm and projects that have been completed in recent years. Mr. Olsen provided an introduction of the design team. Mr. Joynt, along with Mr. Olsen, presented on educational learning spaces, vocational spaces, safety/security, sustainable design, educational visioning (visioning sessions – 30-50 people and three workshops), and community engagement. Dr. Frank Locker, Educational Planner, will be the leader in the educational visioning process. They further provided a brief overview of the Modules and project timeline.

Ms. Tracy Priestner, Westport Finance Committee, asked about the approval process in terms of municipal votes. Mr. Joynt responded that typically there are two ways to do a regional vote per Massachusetts General Law – community by community and a district wide vote, deciding between the two is determined by the regional agreement.

Mr. Palumbo explained that the meetings will be on the third Thursday of every month. The next meeting will be on May 21st. If it is in person, it will begin at 5:00 p.m. and if it is a virtual meeting, it will begin at 4:00 p.m. Mr. Olsen added that any questions can be addressed to Colliers.

It was moved by Mr. Kitchin, seconded by Dr. Ferreira, and voted unanimously to adjourn at 3:42 p.m.