

2020 School Building Committee Charter and Membership

February 26, 2020

OBJECTIVE OF THE COMMITTEE:

1. Recommend the future configuration of the Westerly Public School buildings and the required facility improvements to the Westerly School Committee.
2. Prepare and submit the documents required to complete both Stage I and Stage II of the RIDE Necessity of School Construction Application.

INSTRUCTIONS / GUIDANCE:

1. Planning should focus on demographic reports and plan for the projected student population.
2. Guidance from RIDE is available and should guide all work of the committee.
3. The Jacobs Facilities report provided by RIDE should be utilized to prioritize the scope of work of the proposal.
4. Alternatives should include green design and scenarios to achieve maximum reimbursement from RIDE. Cost analysis of scenarios should include long-term savings achieved with design features.
5. The Committee should meet as many times as needed to complete each stage.
6. The Committee shall engage district legal counsel when appropriate.

REPORTING & DUTIES:

The Building Committee Chair shall update the School Committee at each regular meeting under Subcommittee Reports.

MEMBERSHIP:

The Building Committee shall have **at least** (8) members and membership shall follow RIDE School Construction Regulations (5/24/07) and consist of the following members:

- School Committee Member (1)
- Superintendent of Schools (1)
- Director of Building Maintenance (1)
- Planning Board representative (1)
- School Principal (1)
- A member who has knowledge of the educational mission and function of the facility (1)
- Local budget official or member of the local finance committee (1)
- Community Member (1) with architectural, engineering and/or construction experience

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

As per Westerly School Committee bi-law Article IX. Subcommittees, the Building Committee shall elect its own officers.

TERMINATION OF BUILDING COMMITTEE

The Building Committee will remain active until the project is complete and may be dissolved or terminated at any regular or special meeting of the School Committee.

VACANCIES

Vacancies and appointments to the Building Committee shall be reported and made, as needed, at regular meetings under Subcommittee Reports. In the event of a vacancy, the Building Committee chair will make a recommendation to the full School Committee for appointment. Nominations will be approved by majority vote of the School Committee.