GOODWIN UNIVERSITY EDUCATIONAL SERVICES, INC.
Special Meeting of the School Building Committee
March 12, 2024 at 12:00 pm
One Riverside Drive
6th Floor Board Room

School Building Committee Attendees: Mark Scheinberg, Eddie Meyer, Frank Amodio, Bryant Harrell, Todd Andrews

Additional Attendees: Mark McGovern, Antonio Matta, Michael Scott, Tom Romagnoli, Randal Luther, Andy DiFatta, Attorney Robert DeCrescenzo, Sal Menzo, Ray Maselek

1. Called to Order at 12:06 pm by Frank Amodio.

2. No public comments were made.

3. Report on the Magnet Technical High School (State Project # 542-0008 MAG/A) by Owner's Project Manager, Architect and Construction Manager

   Tom Romagnoli from Downes Construction provided a brief update stating the Design Development Phase is progressing. Documents were delivered to the team on March 8, 2024 for budgeting, reconciliation and future presentations to the Building Committee.

   The State Grant Application is pending updated special legislation. Mr. Romagnoli reported that he has received confirmation that DAS is drafting the legislative language. The grant application and legislative approvals will be monitored.

   Tom reviewed the next steps which include:

   - Ongoing Environmental studies
   - Traffic Study that is in progress
   - TSKP is looking into bringing in a small peer review

   Michael Scott from TSKP presented the Goodwin Industry 5.0 Design update. Some minor changes including the front of the building, landscape, crosswalks, curbs and bus routes have been made. Michael continued reporting on the contents of each floor as well as the exterior of the building.

   The first floor will house the Annex, Cafeteria and Gymnasium. The cafeteria will have seating for 120 students in each lunch wave. The gymnasium will have bleacher seating open to the second floor.

   The second floor will be open to the gymnasium below. The second floor will also house the computer labs and shop support rooms. This floor will also have access to the auditorium stage as well as auditorium tiered seating.

The Auditorium will have space below the stage on the 1st floor. Actors will enter through the 2nd floor stage entrance while guests will be able to enter through the second and third floors. There will be reflectors to regulate the sound. The seating capacity for the auditorium is 250. There is handicap access through the second floor.

The third floor will have access to the upper level of the auditorium. It will also house the general education classrooms such as English, Math, and Business.

The fourth floor is the science level and space center.

Mr. Scott continued with the exterior of the building stating the design was inspired from the Goodwin logo showing the green and blue colors keeping in mind the other Goodwin Magnet Schools.

The exterior of the building will include a digital mural. There was a brief discussion about the towns approval of the digital mural. The town of East Hartford initially liked this idea when presented to them but then had second thoughts after thinking about the other businesses in town that could potentially add digital murals to their buildings. There was some concern about the lighting and animation being distracting for the apartments next door. Some questions and concerns were raised such as uplighting, adding more color to the exterior of building.

After all of the floors and exterior of the building were presented a few concerns were discussed such as traffic lights and signals at Pent Road. Since the buses will already be there for the other schools, there is no anticipation of heavy traffic.

Tom Romagnoli reported on discussions with Pratt and Whitney. There are some old easements that need to be removed. Attorney DeCrescenzo confirmed that since a small area of the project site includes Pratt land available through an easement, Pratt and Whitney will need to sign land use application as an additional owner.

4. The motion was made to Adjourn at 1:09 pm by Frank Amodio, seconded by Mark Scheinberg. Approved unanimously (Mark Scheinberg, Eddie Meyer, Frank Amodio, Bryant Harrell, Todd Andrews).