

The New London Board of Education School Facilities & Program Design Committee meeting was held on June 10, 2024 in the Shaw's Cove Family Engagement Room and via Zoom Webinars.

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1. Call to Order

Mr. Doughty, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Present for the Committee: Bryan Doughty – Committee Chair
 Susan Hambey – Committee Member
 Alisha Blake – Committee Member
 Aaron Ide – Community Representative

Present for the Administration: Miguel Gautier, Jr. – Executive Director of District Operations
 Cynthia Ritchie – Superintendent of Schools

2. Public Comment

None.

3. Approval of the Minutes

- March 11, 2024

Motion by Ms. Hambey, seconded by Ms. Blake, to approve the March 11, 2024 minutes of the School Facilities & Program Design Committee.

***Motion carried, 3-0-1
Abstaining: Mr. Ide***

4. Updates and Discussion

- North Campus Update

Mr. Gautier reported that there are still some final issues that are being ironed out, including the doors and water fountains. He stated that a plumber came in to look at the fountains, and some have since been replaced. He stated that the North Campus is going to be moving through the closeout process. It was discussed that that through this process, there has been a question about the size guidelines, and whether the project had a space waiver. In writing, there is record that the project would be granted a waiver, but currently the State is saying there is not one. He added that the State will be calling a meeting to discuss and hopefully issue the space waiver.

- South Campus Update

Mr. Gautier stated that a current issue is in regard to the roof, or lack thereof. He stated that construction stated that the roof failed over the current area under construction, and that there was water sitting there at a risk of creating mold. Mr. Gautier stated that he watched it happen and had warned the team. This has not caused a delay, per se, but that it did create conversation of how to rectify the situation. He stated that the trailers that were previously located on the front lawn of Central Office have been removed, and those who need to be on site from the project team are working directly from the school. Currently, the expectation is that the project is on track and on budget, and the next step will be to look at what the actual numbers are, to review the “like to haves” through the project. Mr. Gautier stated that if there is enough money he would like to get another elevator. Mr. Doughty spoke to the issue of the rain coming into the building from the “failed roof” and that hopefully there would be a better product coming. The walls will be replaced and the area will need to start from scratch.

- Landscaping

Mr. Gautier provided an update on the transition of landscaping to the school district. He stated that the City has hired a contractor to complete the work through June 30, but no real plan has been decided for after that date. Mr. Gautier stated that from May – September the cost would be between \$30,000 - \$35,000 to complete the work at all of the schools because of the contractor. He stated that he would like to put out an RFP, and that he is pushing to have all of the schools completed – especially for graduation and promotion ceremonies. Mr. Gautier stated that he has acquired a lawn mower, weed whackers and leaf blowers. Mr. Doughty asked when the RFP would go out. Mr. Gautier stated that he would like to do it to get a ballpark number of cost.

5. Committee Member Comments

Mr. Gautier noted that there have been some issues with the brick at Central Office and that he is looking to get quotes for the cost of repointing. He added that ADA playgrounds will be put in during the summer, with the first school to be worked on the week after school gets out.

Mr. Gautier also added that he would like to put out a RFP for boiler replacement at Jennings and the STEM building. He is unsure of the work would be able to be done based on cost, but that he would like to have a better idea for what the pricing would be. Another item that he is currently pricing out would be fencing at Jennings around the playground area along Williams Street.

6. Adjournment

Motion by Ms. Blake, seconded by Ms. Hambey, to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried, 4-0

The meeting was adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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