

**RSU 63 Special Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, July 14, 2021**

6:30 pm

Holbrook Middle School

Agenda

Google Meet: meet.google.com/oav-aage-dhj

Phone In: 1-319-382-9398 Pin: 554274068#

Call Meeting to Order

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New Business

1. Holden Indoor Air Quality Bid
2. Heating Fuel Bids
 - a. Holbrook – Oil and Kerosene
 - b. Holden – Propane
 - c. Eddington – Propane Tank Installation and Propane
3. Discussion Regarding Strategic Planning

Dates of Next Committee Meetings

1. Budget and Finance Committee Meeting: Wednesday, July 14, 2021 at 5:00pm, Holbrook Middle School; August Meeting TBD
2. Board Workshop: Monday, July 26, 2021 at 5:30pm Meet and Greet; 6:00pm Workshop, Eddington Salmon Club, 25 Main Road, Eddington, ME 04428
3. Policy Committee Meeting: Wednesday, July 28, 2021 at 5:30pm, Holbrook Middle School
4. Board Meeting: Monday, August 23, 2021 Holbrook Tour at 6:00pm; 6:30pm Board Meeting Begins (Executive Session at 6:30pm with public session resuming at approximately 7:00pm), Holbrook Middle School

Adjournment

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you require any kind of assistance to fully participate in this meeting, please notify the Superintendent's Office at 843-7851 or write to Superintendent of Schools, 202 Kidder Hill Road, Holden, ME 04429.



Regional School Unit 63 Clifton, Eddington, and Holden

RSU 63 is a community of learners dedicated to providing a safe, supportive, and challenging academic environment. Our students are respectful citizens and responsible stewards of our world. They are well prepared for high school with skills and a work ethic that enables them to succeed.

TO: RSU 63 BOARD of DIRECTORS

FROM: SUSAN SMITH, SUPERINTENDENT/DIRECTOR of CURRICULUM & INSTR.

RE: REPORT for SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

DATE: JULY 2021

Thank you for finding time for a Special Board Meeting this month (Wednesday, July 14th at 6:30pm at the Holbrook School and via Google Meets).

New Business

Items under New Business on the agenda include the acceptance of a bid for improving the Indoor Air Quality (IAQ) at the Holden Elementary School. This is the first of three projects that were approved by the voters and the state. Funding is through the Maine Municipal Bond Bank, with approximately half paid by the state and half paid locally. Prior to COVID-19, \$695,000 was budgeted and approved for the work at the Holden School, plus an additional bid contingency of \$34,750 and a construction contingency of \$69,500 for a total of \$799,250. The low bid came in at \$939,000. (See attached bid results and letter.) We will apply to use our ESSER III funds (American Recovery Plan) to cover the difference between the bid and what was budgeted.

While Carpenter Associates recommends going with the higher bid from ABM, Greg Im (our legal/bond counsel from Drummond Woodsum) states, "If you awarded to ABM and Devoe sued, based on our prior experience, I think a court would likely rule against the RSU by equating the DOE [Department of Education] SRRF [School Revolving Renovation Funds] regulations to the competitive bid statute, each of which require awarding to the low, responsive bidder."

The Budget and Finance Committee will meet on Wednesday, July 14th at 5:00pm (prior to the Special Board Meeting) to discuss this and the heating fuel bids below. They will then make a recommendation to the Board.

Other bids under New Business relate to heating fuel for each of our three schools. We were hoping to go out to bid with other towns and schools in the area to help get a lower cost. We learned in June that by not owning our propane tanks, the price would be increased for everyone. Therefore, we went out to bid on our own for propane at the Holden School, heating oil and kerosene at the Holbrook School, and the installation of propane tanks and propane at the Eddington School. Bids will be in on or before July 13th and we will have the results for the Budget and Finance Committee Meeting and the Special Board Meeting.

The other item on the agenda is a discussion about Strategic Planning. Please be thinking about the scope you would like to see for this project, how you would like the work to be facilitated, and the format and composition of the group (an advisory committee, board workshop, or a different way).



CARPENTER ASSOCIATES

CONSULTING ENGINEERS

June 15, 2021

Susan M. Smith
RSU #63
202 Kidder Hill Road
Holden, ME 04429

Re: Indoor Air Quality Improvements
Holden Elementary School

Dear Susan:

Please find attached the bid results for your IAQ project at Holden Elementary School. There were only two bidders; ABM Mechanical Inc. and Devoe Construction. Devoe Construction is the apparent low bidder; however, we are not aware of their experience with HVAC work in an open school environment. We suggest that we ask Devoe for a list of major subcontractors; including HVAC, controls, electrical, etc. and what percentage of the work each will complete. We assume that Devoe would perform the carpentry portion only. We would also request a list of similar recent projects with references.

One concern we have is that if a large portion of the project is subcontracted, there will be less leverage when schedules and changes arise. ABM has mechanical and electrical in house and would likely have more than 90% of the project directly under their control.

If you agree, once we receive the information we can meet to discuss moving forward.

Please feel free to call with any questions.

Sincerely,

Randy Bragg, P.E.

Cc: Jake Morgan

Attachment

2021008

BID RESULTS**INDOOR AIR QUALITY IMPROVEMENTS
HOLDEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
PROJECT #2021008****June 15, 2021**

	BUSINESS	BASE BID	ADDENDUM #1	BID BOND
1.	ABM Mechanical Inc.	\$952,000.00	X	X
2.	Devoe Construction, Inc.	\$939,000.00	X	X
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