

Greater Fall River Vocational School District  
MSBA School Building Committee Minutes  
March 11, 2024

In attendance:

Paul Beaudoin

**Tina Bell**

**Brian Bentley**

Myles Brilhante

**Donald DiBiasio, Chair**

Kathryn Dufour

**Ed Hill** (remote)

**Paul Jennings, Vice Chair**

**Deborah Kenney**

**Paul Kitchen** (remote)

**Steven Kitchin** (remote)

Thomas Librera (remote)

Decio Matos (remote 5:37 pm)

**Joan Menard**

**Debbie Pacheco** (remote)

**Andrew Rebello**

**Carl Sawejko**

**Maria Torres** (remote)

**Katie Warren** (remote)

Also in attendance:

Tim Alix, Colliers

Alan Minkus, Colliers (remote)

Charles Roberts, Colliers

Greg Joynt, KBA

Matteo Batista, Suffolk

Andrew Card, Suffolk

Erin Kenney, Suffolk (remote)

Al Oliveira, Director of Operations (Fall River)

Waymon Jones, Arden Engineering (remote)

Absent:

Neil Arruda

**Glenn Benevides**

Emanuel Botelho

**Rebecca Collins**

Lisa Desrosiers

**Tracy Priestner**

Aaron Soares

**\*BOLD –Voting Member**

Mr. DiBiasio called the meeting to order at 5:33 pm. and called for a roll call.

Mr. DiBiasio called for a motion to approve the February 12, 2024 and February 27, 2024 meeting minutes.

It was moved by Mr. Bentley, seconded by Mr. Sawejko and voted on a roll call to dispense with the reading of the February 12, 2024 minutes and approve them, as recorded. *Mr. Kitchen's response could not be heard due to technical issues.*

***13 in favor/0 opposed/0 abstention. Motion Carries***

It was moved by Ms. Menard, seconded by Mr. Bentley and voted on a roll call to dispense with the reading of the February 27, 2024 minutes and approve them, as recorded. *Ms. Bell and Mrs. Kenney abstained. Mr. Kitchen's response could not be heard due to technical issues.*

***11 in favor/0 opposed/2 abstention. Motion Carries***

A drone flyover video of the construction site was played. A short discussion regarding the retaining wall and the site took place after the video.

Mr. Alix provided the Colliers project update. He stated that to date invoices totaling about \$28 million dollars have been approved. It is estimated that about \$17 million will be considered reimbursable based on the MSBA reimbursement rate. The District will get back approximately \$13.6 million. A lot of the site work is not reimbursed by MSBA which drives down the reimbursement to the District. Colliers is working with MSBA on a budget revision based on additional funding. The District is waiting for a response from MSBA regarding the use of grant funds in the project.

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Ms. Kenney provided the Suffolk project update. It's been a very productive month onsite and behind the scenes. The SOE wall is at about 85-90% completion. KRR is progressing with the dirt mobilization. The middle of April is still the target for S & F to start work on footings and foundations. Drywall, doors, frames and hardware and fireproofing have been descoped. Foodservice will be descoped later in the week. Kickoff meetings are taking place with filed sub-trades. The first mechanical, electrical and plumbing (MEP) coordination kickoff meeting will be taking place on Wednesday. Building and Property Maintenance students have been onsite. Suffolk is working with Mr. Bentley to engage other classes and get more students involved. Suffolk is also working with the District and a couple of vocational programs to make challenge coins.

Mr. DiBiasio asked for an update on the contaminated pipes. Mr. Joynt stated that the piping was found, removed and disposed of appropriately. It is expected that more of the same storm water pipe will be found on the other side of the field. A plan is in place to remove and dispose of it appropriately.

Ms. Kenney stated that Suffolk had great planning sessions with the District for summer work. Summer work will involve the drive lanes. Mr. Bentley is finalizing the details with Suffolk as the work will involve closing the Stonehaven entrance. A tentative start date of June 20<sup>th</sup> has been set.

Mr. DiBiasio asked for an update on the temporary parking lot addition. Ms. Kenney stated that it is expected to be completed by Saturday. The additional parking will alleviate the street parking.

Mrs. Kenney asked if there have been neighbor complaints. Mr. Bentley stated that yes but he has been able to address their concerns.

Mr. DiBiasio asked when will the next Community Outreach Meeting be. Ms. Kenney stated late April or early May after the next trade is mobilized. This will allow for more information to be provided.

Mr. Joynt provided the KBA project update. A majority of the documents are completed. Due to the size of the project, minor items will be tweaked and equipment needs are fine tuned into the design. As Suffolk works through the documents with the sub-contractors, KBA is present to make sure there are no discrepancies to ensure that bids are accurate. The Project Team continues to meet to discuss the coordination of large equipment to be moved to the new building.

Mr. DiBiasio asked how the purging of equipment is going. Mr. Bentley stated that between Mr. Kitchen and Mrs. Torres they are aware of new equipment coming in and equipment that is no longer useful is being auctioned off. Mr. Joynt stated that the shops are in pretty good place with equipment.

Mrs. Torres thanked Mr. Joynt for working closely with her through the past year to ensure that shops have everything needed. Mrs. Torres stated that the District has been keeping Mr. Joynt informed of any new equipment being purchased to ensure that it is accounted for on construction documents.

Mr. DiBiasio stated that he was approached by a staff member inquiring about the usage of outside storage containers. Mr. DiBiasio informed them that there will not be any storage containers allowed on property. Mr. Joynt stated that there isn't much space around the new building for such containers.

The next meeting is scheduled for April 8, 2024 at 5:30 pm.

It was moved by Mr. Bentley, seconded by Ms. Bell and voted on a roll call to adjourn the meeting at 6:02 pm.

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Respectfully submitted,  
*Helena S. Neves*  
Helena S. Neves, Executive Secretary

**Materials:**

February 12, 2024 Minutes

February 27, 2024 Minutes