

Greenwich Board of Education Minutes of the GHS Front Entry Committee Meeting

DATE: May 14, 2025

LOCATION: GHS

TIME: 8:00 am

Committee Members Present:

Stephen Walko - Chairman

Maureen Bonanno-Secretary

Louis Contadino

Stephanie Cowie

Jake Allen - Vice Chairman

Leslie Moriarty (BET)

Ashley Cole

Ex-Officio Members Present:

Ralph Mayo

Will Schwartz (DPW)

Craig Amundson (RTM)

Lauren Rabin

Others Present:

Bob Washburn (Silver Petrucelli)

Randy Feda (Wernert)

Jim Giuliano (CSG)

Steven Swidler (BOE Staff)

Not Present:

Dennis Yeskey (P&Z)

Karen Hirsh (BOE)

Brent Reeves (BOE - Central Office)

Dan Watson (BOE - Central Office)

- **Call to Order:**

- The meeting was called to order by Mr. Walko at 8:00 a.m.

- **Update from CSG:**

- Mr. Walko began the meeting with an update on CSG's work and stated that there are 9 change orders that have been approved and 5 have been submitted but pending.
- Mr. Giuliano stated that there were several that were ineligible and were denied by the state. To date we have received \$600k from the state and there is one more submittal to be made. We can either submit an interim and wait for all of the invoices and then submit the final. Mr. Walko would prefer to not do an interim given the cost of the reimbursement amount compared to the amount we would pay CSG and the committee agreed.

- Mr. Giuliano stated that they need a document from the BOE confirming that the project is complete.
- Mr. Walko stated that we originally allocated \$40K to CSG but reduced the amount to \$20K and to date we have paid them \$10,531 and plus the \$4,723.75 approved today.
- **Motions to Approve Invoices:**

Motion was made by Ms. Moriarty and seconded by Mr. Allen to approve the CSG Invoices 23015-6-7-8-9-10-11-12 totalling \$4,723.75. The motion was approved. *The Motion Passed 7-0-0.*

- **Update from Architect:**
 - Mr. Washburn gave an update on the landscaping, the open items will take place this Saturday and he issued the substantial completion for August 27th.
 - Mr. Walko discussed the guarantee and asked if it continues with the new plantings and Mr. Washburn confirmed.
 - Mr. Walko noted that there are additional fees from Langan for the site visits for the replacement plantings. Mr. Walko noted that the contract should be revised to exclude their attendance at the virtual meetings.
- **Motions to the Langan Contract:**

Motion was made by Ms. Moriarty and seconded by Mr. Allen to approve Silver Petrucelli's acceptance of the Langan proposal amended to deduct the cost associated with attending the virtual meetings and to provide a date for the second site visit up to \$3,200 . The motion was approved. *The Motion Passed 7-0-0.*

- **Outstanding Items:**
 - Ms. Cowie stated that there is one last brick to be replaced that she is working on with the fabricator but there is no cost to the project.
 - Mr. Walko stated that the new door stops work well but the floor tiles still need to be replaced and Mr. Fedra stated that they are working with the floor guys to resolve.
 - Mr. Fedra noted that Norwalk Glass is looking for compensation for coming on site to make the door adjustments. Mr. Walko stated that they should submit the invoice and it will go through the approval process.
 - Mr. Walko added that there is an issue with the outside doors that do not close enough to lock automatically so that needs to be addressed. Mr. Allen added that it may be a pressure issue.
 - Mr. Contadino added that the door to the Main Office seemed difficult to open and he suggested that someone should look at it.
 - Mr. Walko asked about the Bollard lights and Mr. Fedra said that Greenwich Electric will address those when school is out of session for safety reasons.
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- **Motions to Approve Silver Petrucelli Invoices:**

Motion was made by Mr. Allen and seconded by Ms. Moriarty to approve the Silver Petrucelli Invoices 25-1787 totalling \$337.96. The motion was approved. *The Motion Passed 7-0-0.*

- **Motions to Approve Meeting Minutes:**

Motion was made by Ms. Moriarty and seconded by Mr. Allen to approve the minutes from the February 5th meeting as amended. The motion was approved. *The Motion Passed 7-0-0.*

Motion was made by Mr. Allen and seconded by Ms. Cole to approve the minutes from the March 5th meeting minutes as amended. The motion was approved. *The Motion Passed 7-0-0.*

- **Overview and Moving Forward:**

- Mr. Walko is presenting to the BOE on May 15th.
- Mr. Walko gave a recap on the project; The original appropriation was \$3.5MM and the encumbrances to date equal \$3,385,121 which does not include the funds from the PTA. He noted that based on the current state reimbursement
- Mr. Walko pointed out that the project could use one more set of garbage cans near the entrance. He noted that we are not obligated to do this.
- Mr. Walko noted that we are expecting the CO shortly, the grasses will be completed this week and the end of June electrical work will take place.
- Mr. Walko stated that we will meet again after the electrical work is completed.

2. Motions to Approve Additional Set Of Garbage Cans:

Motion was made by Ms. Cowie and seconded by Mr. Allen to approve the purchase of an additional set of garbage cans. The motion was approved. *The Motion Passed 7-0-0.*

- The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 am.

Submitted by Maureen Bonanno on October 17, 2025