

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

DATE: October 21, 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)

Ex-Officio Members Present:

Ralph Mayo

Will Schwartz (DPW)

Lauren Rabin

Dan Watson (BOE - Central Office)

Others Present:

Bob Washburn (Silver Petrucelli)

Samantha D'Agostino (CSG)

Max Wernert

Not Present:

Dennis Yeskey (P&Z)

Karen Hirsh (BOE)

Brent Reeves (BOE - Central Office)

Craig Amundson (RTM)

Steven Swidler (BOE Staff)

Ashley Cole

- **Call to Order:**

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

- **Motion to approve change request:**

- Mr. Walko opened the meeting with an overview of the Change Order Request #23 for the door stops.
- As a review, after the project was substantially completed there was feedback from maintenance and operations, that a few of the doors when open at the same time the handles would touch. There were concerns of fingers getting pinched when doors swung open at the same time. A design consideration was to purchase and place heavy duty floor mounted door stops. These were installed as resolution for a short period and found to break apart with the

weight of the blast resistant door assembly. After several site visits with design, storefront manufacture, GC and installers a solution was found to move the door closers over at the heads of the door and limit the opening to 90 degrees using the door closer as a stopping mechanism not to damage the doors or storefront assembly. Design confirmed this was a sound solution and work proceeded to relocate the door closers at the head of the door, and a request was to remove and replace the damaged floor tiles from the floor door stops that were attempted. The total cost of is \$4,931.81

Motion was made by Ms. Moriarty and seconded by Ms. Cowie to approve Change Order Request #23 for the Door Stops, totalling \$4,931.81. The motion was approved. *The Motion Passed 6-0-0.*

- **Discussion on Open Items:**

- Mr. Walko noted that the only punchlist items open were the pavers and the curbs. Mr. Wernert noted that some of the pavers had movement or settlement which he confirmed were replaced, and the curbs had some chipping. Mr. Wernert stated that they have requests from their vendors and they do not have a path forward with placement, but it is in progress. He will present the patching proposal to the design team, but the patching may take several weeks and . First they will try to do some patching and if that is unsuccessful, they will need to do a full replacement but given that it is a sizable task, they will need to coordinate with the school on the best time to execute. He will outline these suggestions for review by the team. Mr. Wernert noted that for full replacement, it would be ideal to do it in the summer.
- Mr. Contadino asked about patching vs. replacement and the committee discussed the best options for the path forward.
- Mr. Walko confirmed that Silver Petrucelli and Wernert will work on a plan together to patch one area and then re-evaluate in the spring to see if a full redo was necessary. The committee will meet again in June to review.

- **Motions to Approve CSG Invoices:**

- Ms. Moriarty noted that CSG included a nominal charge for the preparation of the invoices.

Motion was made by Ms. Moriarty and seconded by Ms. Cowie to approve the CSG Invoices 23015-13 for \$901.25, #23015-14 for \$1,743.75 and #23015-15 for \$2,092.50 which totals \$4,737.50. The motion was approved. *The Motion Passed 6-0-0.*

- **Update from CSG:**

- Mr. Walko stated that the PTA funding is not included in the total project cost submitted to the state for reimbursement. Mr. Walko confirmed that we will not go back to the state to include this amount, so the project total for the state is slightly lower than the project total for the town.
- Ms. Moriarty asked CSG if they can make the filings work with this difference and Ms. D'Agostino responded that she will review this and get back to us. Ms. Moriarty noted that the town system reflects the PTA funding.

- Ms. D'Agostino requested a copy of the final CofO for her files as well as the minutes from the BOE meeting that reflects the acceptance of the project as complete so that she can submit the close documentation for the state close out.
- **Motions to Authorize Approval of The Wernert Invoices:**
 - Mr. Walko confirmed that Wernert has not sent invoices for the bollards and the door hardware. Mr. Wernert confirmed that they will revise the payment app that includes the bollards and door hardware once he receives the signed change orders.

Motion was made by Ms. Moriarty and seconded by Ms. Cowie to authorize Mr. Walko to approve the Wernert invoices provided they are consistent with the 2 change orders for the bollards and door stops. The motion was approved. *The Motion Passed 7-0-0.*

- **Other Open Items:**
 - Mr. Walko noted that he will follow up with the town regarding the payment of the additional garbage cans.
 - There are no outstanding Silver Petrucelli invoices at this time.
 - Mr. Walko confirmed with Ms. Moriarty that the total budgeted for the project was \$3.5MM with \$260K for the A&E. The committee has spent \$3.4MM and the PTA spent \$150K.
- **Motions to Approve Meeting Minutes:**

Motion was made by Ms. Moriarty and seconded by Mr. Allen to approve the minutes from the May 14th meeting. The motion was approved. *The Motion Passed 6-0-0.*

- **Moving Forward:**
 - Mr. Walko stated that we will meet again in June to discuss the curbs.
 - The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 am.