

SUBJECT TO APPROVAL

MEETING DATE: MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2023, AT 5:30P.M.

MEETING PLACE: ZOOM

NEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Graham Curtis, Sharon Shoemaker, Woodie Weiss, George Noewatne, Amanda Mitchell, Bob Blundon, Tina Szwejkowski

MEMBERS ABSENT: Diana Colcord

OTHERS PRESENT: Adam Levitus, Owner's Representative Project Manager (OPM) from Colliers Project Leader; William McMinn, Director of Facilities; Justin Hopkins and Jeff Wyszynski from Tecton Architect, Nick Conti from Gilbane.

1. Call to Order

Chairman Curtis called the meeting to order at 5:30pm.

2. Public Comments

None.

3. Approval of Minutes: January 23, 2023

For the remarks section, the correction in red was added to the minutes by Building Committee member Woodie Weiss:

Mr. Conti will continue to provide lead times and feedback as needed.

Building Committee member Woodie Weiss made the motion to approve the January 23, 2023 minutes as amended. Seconded by Building Committee member George Noewatne and unanimously approved.

4. Architect's Update

Mr. Hopkins states they are continuing to work on plan revisions that were previously shown and those revisions were well received at the last working group meeting.

For the upcoming working group meeting, Tecton will follow up on room by room discussions for some of the special areas.

On February 7th there will be a neighbor's meeting to listen to some of the concerns regarding the site with a focus group of people.

5. Construction Manager's Update

Mr. Conti states for the neighbor's meeting he will be reviewing site logistics, the first steps of the project, and what the project will look like and their impacts.

6. OPM Update

Mr. Levitus states the next upcoming meetings are lighter as the project moves into design development as the focus is on details and things that are specific to our end users.

7. **Review and Approval of Invoice Packet**

Building Committee member Amanda Mitchell made the motion to approve invoice packet dated 02/06/2023 including invoices from BVH, Gilbane, and Tecton for a total approval of \$249,553.00. Seconded by George Noewatne and unanimously approved.

8. **Public Comments**

Seth Klaskin chairman of the BOE states the district / BOE is advocating, along with the Connecticut Association of Boards of Education and the Connecticut Association of Public-School Superintendents to try to get a percentage increase in the percentage of reimbursement for school projects which is potentially positive news. He states we can petition to potentially have our reimbursement for the new school be based on renovate as new reimbursement, which is a higher rate of reimbursement than new school reimbursement or it could take the form of the legislature, potentially raising the reimbursement percentages for all schools across the board. He states should this occur we would hopefully get more than what's projected at this point even though it comes in after the project is approved and delivered.

9. **Remarks**

Chairman Curtis states the committee will give an update to the Board of Selectman at the end of February or early March.

10. **Adjournment**

Building Committee member Sharon Shoemaker made the motion to adjourn at 5:44pm; seconded by Building Committee member Bob Blundon and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Racquel Stubbs