



School Construction Committee
Maine State Board of Education
Minutes of the August 27, 2021 Meeting

The School Construction Committee held a virtual Zoom meeting on August 27, 2021.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Peter Geiger, Chair. Fern Desjardins, James Ford, Cynthia Murray-Beliveau

OTHERS PRESENT:

Wilson Hess, State Board of Education
Mary Becker, State Board of Education staff
Scott Brown, MDOE School Facilities
Nathan McIvor, MDOE School Facilities
Ann Pinnette, MDOE School Facilities
Jaci Holmes, MDOE Federal Liaison

Peter Geiger called the meeting to order at 1:01 P.M.

Motioned by Cynthia Murray-Beliveau, seconded by Peter Geiger, and voted unanimously by those present to accept the July 30, 2021 minutes as written.

The Committee discussed LD 705, Resolve, To Improve Air Quality and Ventilation in Maine's Public Schools. It was noted that this will require revisions to Chapter 60, Chapter 61, and Chapter 125 to meet the new statutory requirements set forth by this law. Jaci Holmes reviewed the timeline and process for amending the rules. Wilson Hess noted that the rulemaking process will not open those rules up entirely for revision, but only for targeted changes pertinent to the bill. Cynthia Murray-Beliveau motioned to recommend to the board to file Rules 60 and 61 with the Secretary of State. Peter Geiger seconded and the motion received unanimous approval.

The Chair asked Scott Brown for updates on School Facilities' inventory as included in the Five-Year Strategic Plan. Brown said that progress has been consistent with the plan but observed that School Facilities will require a more comprehensive reporting system for schools. Although current collection practices meet statutory requirements, Brown and his team would like to improve reporting capacities to meet the goal intended in the strategic plan. The other three goals in the Strategic Plan were also briefly discussed.

Brown then provided an overview of the Integrated, Consolidated 9-16 Educational Program and the Major Capital School Construction Program. He briefly reviewed the Priority Lists for both programs and the schools currently on the Approved Projects Lists.

Peter Geiger asked if there were any additional items to be discussed under the Miscellaneous agenda item. There were none and the meeting was adjourned at 2:12 P.M.

The next School Construction Committee meeting is scheduled for September 24 at 1:00 P.M.