



School Construction Committee
Maine State Board of Education
Minutes of the December 3, 2021 Meeting

The School Construction Committee held a virtual Zoom meeting on December 3, 2021

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Peter Geiger (Chair), Fern Desjardins, James Ford

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mary Becker, State Board of Education staff
Scott Brown, MDOE School Facilities staff
Jim H. Hartford, MDOE School Facilities staff
Jaci Holmes, MDOE Commissioner's Office staff
Nathan McIvor, MDOE School Facilities staff

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

Motion by Fern Desjardins, seconded by Peter Geiger, and voted unanimously by those present to accept the August 27, 2021 minutes as written.

Jaci Holmes presented an exhibit that included revisions to Rule Chapters 60, 61, and 125 for the Board to review and consider for provisional adoption. Ms. Holmes stated that the draft revised rules now conform to LD 705, Resolve, To Improve Air Quality and Ventilation in Maine's Public Schools and briefed the Committee on recent updates to the rule revision process. She stated that the Commissioner's Office has received no comments on the draft language and that the revisions are ready for State Board of Education provisional adoption. After Committee discussion Fern Desjardins made a motion to recommend the exhibit go forward to the State Board for approval and provisional adoption of Chapters 60, 61, and 125. The motion was seconded by Peter Geiger and the Committee vote was Desjardins and Geiger in favor and James Ford abstaining.

Scott Brown then discussed a process for meeting expectations included in the Construction Committee's Strategic Plan. He noted that the Department sees benefits with moving forward with the Integrated, Consolidated 9-16 Educational Facility program application process first followed by the Major Capital School Construction application process later in the 5 year period. Mr. Brown also briefly discussed the funding needed for starting the statewide inventory project and other challenges associated with completing the project.

Peter Geiger asked if there were any additional items to be discussed under the Miscellaneous agenda item. There were none.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:41 P.M.

The next School Construction Committee meeting is scheduled for January 28, 2022 at 1:00 P.M.