



School Construction Committee
Maine State Board of Education
Minutes of the February 26, 2021 Meeting

The School Construction Committee held a virtual Zoom meeting on February 26, 2021.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Fern Desjardins, Martha Harris, John Bird, and Peter Geiger

OTHERS PRESENT:

Wilson Hess, State Board of Education, Chair

Ann Pinnette, MDOE School Facilities

Scott Brown, MDOE School Facilities

Mary Becker, State Board of Education staff

Abigail Frost, Ellsworth American

Martha Harris called the meeting to order at 1:05 P.M.

Motion by Fern Desjardins, seconded by Peter Geiger, and voted unanimously by those present to accept the January 29, 2021 minutes as written.

Martha Harris provided the Committee a brief history and status update of the Integrated, Consolidated 9-16 Educational Facility program including the Approved Projects List. She discussed the possibility of developing a timeline for a new rating cycle that would provide a new Priority List for the program. After a thorough discussion it was determined it would be best to hold off on the development of a timeline for a new application and rating cycle until more work can be done on project number 3. The Committee expressed a strong interest in supporting the project with assistance in the development of an appropriate governance structure and other planning challenges.

After further discussion it was agreed that the Committee would like to meet with the Commissioner to review the program and discuss next steps in assisting project number 3.

Martha Harris asked if there were any additional items to be discussed under the Miscellaneous agenda item. There were none and the meeting was adjourned at 1:42 P.M.

The next School Construction Committee meeting is scheduled for March 26, 2021 at 1 P.M.