



School Construction Committee
Maine State Board of Education
Minutes of the July 30, 2021 Meeting

The School Construction Committee held a virtual Zoom meeting on July 30, 2021.

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

Fern Desjardins, State Board of Education, Chair
Mary Becker, State Board of Education staff
Valerie Chiang, MDOE School Facilities
Scott Brown, MDOE School Facilities
Jim H. Hartford, MDOE School Facilities
Deb Alden, Superintendent, RSU 10/MSAD 10
Mark Lee, Harriman
Lisa Sawin, Harriman

Peter Geiger called the meeting to order at 1:00 P.M.

Motion by Cynthia Murray-Beliveau, seconded by Peter Geiger, and voted unanimously by those present to accept the June 25, 2021 minutes as written.

Scott Brown provided an overview of the proposed site in MSAD 10/ RSU 10. Located in Mexico, the new facility will combine Rumford Elementary School, Meroby Elementary School, and Mountain Valley Middle School in a new PreK-8 elementary/middle school. The proposed site is the current site of the Meroby Elementary School and Mountain Valley Middle School. Superintendent Alden presented the school district's demographics and reviewed the current facilities condition of the three schools that the new facility will replace. Superintendent Alden also spoke to the impact this project will have on the district including the importance of providing consistent continuity of services and student experience across the district. Lisa Sawin reviewed the site selection process and detailed the criteria that identified this site as the most desirable for the project.

Motion by Cynthia Murray-Beliveau that the Committee recommend that the RSU 10 Site Approval Exhibit be placed on the August 11 State Board of Education's business agenda with the Committee's recommendation of approval. The motion was seconded by James Ford and voted unanimously to approve by those present.

Scott Brown was asked by the chair to review with the Committee the status of upcoming projects on the Approved Projects list. That update included projects in RSU 54, RSU 10, RSU 49, RSU 14, and the Saco School Department.

Peter Geiger then briefly discussed the board's upcoming work on LD705, Resolve, To Improve Air Quality and Ventilation in Maine's Public Schools. The Committee also discussed topics for the upcoming State Board of Education retreat.

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 2:15 P.M.

The next School Construction Committee meeting is scheduled for August 27, 2021 at 1:00 P.M.