



School Construction Committee
Maine State Board of Education
Minutes of the March 25, 2022 Meeting

The School Construction Committee met in Cross Building, 5th Floor, Rm. 500 on March 25, 2022

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

Wilson Hess, State Board of Education
Mary Becker, State Board of Education staff
Scott Brown, MDOE School Facilities staff
Pender Makin, MDOE Commissioner
Nathan McIvor, MDOE School Facilities staff
Deb Alden, RSU 10 Superintendent
John Moody, MSAD 54 Superintendent
Mark Lee, Harriman
Lisa Sawin, Harriman

Peter Geiger called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Motion by Fern Desjardins, seconded by Peter Geiger, and voted unanimously by those present to accept the February 25, 2022 minutes as written.

Scott Brown provided an overview of the RSU 10 New Grades PreK-8 School Construction Project, noting that it gained site approval on August 11, 2021. Superintendent Deborah Alden then presented the proposed project and explained how the project will meet the Pre-K through 8 educational needs of the Mountain Valley region for generations to come. She also explained the CDS, CTE, and Early Childhood Education components of the project and the added value those programs bring to the region.

Mark Lee and Lisa Sawin presented plans of the building, elevations, and site layout. Sawin described how parking for buses and cars was safely delineated, and then walked the committee through designs that allowed maximum incoming sunlight in the classrooms and consistent views of the site's natural setting. They also explained that the building will use heat-pumps and meet air conditioning, ventilation, and heating standards.

Wilson Hess asked how Harriman determined the best heating solution for the proposed building. Lee explained that architects are required to choose the most efficient system for the building, and that though biomass and pellet methods were considered for RSU 10, heat-pumps yielded the best results. Other questions regarding CTE, CDS, and building enrollments were discussed.

Motion by Fern Desjardins that the Committee recommend that the RSU 10 Concept Approval Exhibit be placed on the April 13, 2022 State Board of Education's business agenda with the Committee's recommendation of approval. The motion was seconded by Peter Geiger and voted unanimously to approve by those present.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:31 p.m.

The next School Construction Committee meeting is scheduled for April 29, 2022 at 1:00 p.m.