



School Construction Committee
Maine State Board of Education
Minutes of the July 2, 2019 Meeting

The School Construction Committee held a meeting on July 2, 2019 at the Department of Education in Augusta.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Fern Desjardins and Wilson Hess

OTHERS PRESENT:

Ann Pinnette, MDOE School Facilities
Scott Brown, MDOE School Facilities
Peter Geiger, State Board of Education
Ken Kunin, South Portland School Dept.
Kathy Germani, South Portland School Dept.

Theresa Gilbert, MDOE School Facilities
Michael Johanning, WBRC Architects/Engineers
Ray Bolduc, WBRC Architects/Engineers

Fern Desjardins called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Motion by Fern Desjardins, seconded by Wilson Hess, and unanimously voted by those present to accept the April 2, 2019 minutes as written.

Fern Desjardins presented the Exhibit on the agenda: Concept Approval Consideration for the South Portland Middle School construction project. She then introduced Superintendent Kunin who discussed the need, local involvement, and support for the project. Superintendent Kunin also discussed the positive turnout and support at the recent straw poll. The project architect, Michael Johanning, presented detailed information on the project budget, building layout, and site design. After several questions and further discussion Wilson Hess made a motion seconded by Fern Desjardins, and the Committee voted unanimously to place the Exhibit on the State Board of Education's July 10th meeting agenda and further recommended that the State Board grant Concept Approval to the South Portland School Department for their Middle School construction project.

The Committee briefly discussed their Strategic Plan initiatives including review and recommendations of statutory debt ceilings for Major Capital Construction and possible revisions to Chapter 61. The Committee also discussed their interest and support for a fall summit on school construction issues. The Committee would like to set the date for the summit meeting and work on agenda items at future meetings.

Meeting adjourned at 2:02 p.m.