



**School Construction Committee**  
Maine State Board of Education  
Minutes of the November 30, 2018 Meeting

The School Construction Committee held a meeting on November 30, 2018 at the Department of Education in Augusta.

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:** Martha Harris, Chair, Fern Desjardins

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Valerie Chiang, MDOE School Facilities  
Pam Partridge, MDOE School Facilities  
Mary Becker, State Board of Education staff  
Scott Brown, MDOE School Facilities  
Jim Harford, MDOE School Facilities  
David Bridgham, RSU 24  
Patrick Manuel RSU 1

Fern Desjardins, State Board of Education  
Ann Pinnette, MDOE School Facilities  
Wilson Hess, State Board of Education  
Lyndon Keck, PDT Architects  
Michael Eastman, Supt RSU 24  
David Richards, RSU 1  
Ron LaMarre, Lavallee Brensinger Architects

Martha Harris called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

Motion by Fern Desjardins, seconded by Wilson Hess, and unanimously voted by those present to accept the September 7, 2018 minutes as written.

Scott Brown introduced the first Exhibit on the agenda: Site Approval Consideration for RSU 24 new grades 6-12 school construction project. Mr. Brown provided a brief overview of the site selection process before he turned the presentation over to Superintendent Eastman. Superintendent Eastman reviewed the layout of the property and the critical need to purchase the small parcel in front of the school. He also explained the National Park Service 6F requirements and restrictions. Lyndon Keck provided additional information regarding the site and infrastructure. After further discussions, Fern Desjardins made a motion, Wilson Hess seconded, and the Committee voted unanimously to place the exhibit on the State Board of Education's December 12<sup>th</sup> meeting agenda and further recommended that the State Board grant Site Approval to RSU 24.

Scott Brown presented the second exhibit on the agenda: Design and Funding Approval Consideration for RSU 1 new Morse High School and BRCTC construction project. Superintendent Patrick Manuel described the Phase 1 work that has been done at the site. Superintendent Manuel then had the project architect, Ron LaMarre, share additional design features and technical information about the building with the Committee. After several questions and further discussion Fern Desjardins made a motion,

seconded by Wilson Hess, and the Committee voted unanimously to place the exhibit on the State Board of Education's December 12<sup>th</sup> meeting agenda and further recommended that the State Board grant Design and Funding Approval to RSU 1.

The Committee discussed adjusting the Chapter 61 budgetary percentage requirement for moveable equipment as a follow-up of previous discussions with the Facilities Team. It was agreed that a Committee recommendation to reduce the percentage would be presented to the State Board at the December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018 meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.