



School Construction Committee
Maine State Board of Education
Minutes of the September 7, 2018 Meeting
Cross State Office Building
Room 300
1:00 p.m.

MINUTES

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Martha Harris, Chair, Amy Arata, Fern Desjardins (via phone)

OTHERS PRESENT:

Pam Partridge, MDOE School Facilities
Mary Becker, State Board of Education staff
Scott Brown, MDOE School Facilities
Mark Lee, Harriman Architects
Adam Hanson, Auburn School Department
Alan Kuniholm, PDT Architects
Jane McCall, RSU 39

Valerie Chiang, MDOE School Facilities
Ann Pinnette, MDOE School Facilities
Wilson Hess, State Board of Education
Lisa Sawin, Harriman Architects
Tom Kendall, Auburn School Committee
Timothy Doak, RSU 39
Mark Bouchard, RSU 39

CALL TO ORDER: 1:00 p.m.

Martha Harris called the meeting to order.

Minutes from the August 7, 2018 Construction Committee meeting were approved as written.

Martha Harris asked Scott Brown to introduce the first Exhibit on the agenda: Site Approval Consideration for the new Edward Little High School construction project in Auburn. After providing an overview of the site selection process Mr. Brown turned the presentation over to Mark Lee. Mr. Lee discussed the process in detail which included the community involvement and support for the existing Edward Little High School site. Tom Kendall provided additional information and answered several questions regarding the deficiencies with the existing Edward Little High School and then had the project architect, Lisa Sawin, provide the Committee with additional technical information about the project. After further discussion, the Committee voted unanimously to place the exhibit on the State Board of Education's September 12th meeting agenda and further recommended that the State Board grant Site Approval to the Auburn School Department.

Martha Harris asked Scott Brown to present the second exhibit on the agenda: Revised Design and Funding Approval Consideration for RSU 39 New PreK-8 Elementary/Middle School Construction Project. After providing an overview of the events that have occurred since receiving higher than anticipated construction bids, including the State Board's July 11, 2018 Revised Concept Approval, Mr. Brown turned the presentation over to Superintendent Timothy Doak. Superintendent Doak reviewed the work he has done in detail to get to this point which included strong community involvement and local support for the additional funding required to complete the project. Superintendent Doak then had the project architect, Alan Kuniholm, provide the Committee with additional technical information about the project including items that had been removed from the project due to the tight construction budget. After several questions and further discussion, the Committee voted unanimously to place the exhibit on the State Board of Education's September 12th meeting agenda and further recommended that the State Board grant Revised Design and Funding Approval to RSU 39.

Next Mr. Brown introduced the Integrated, Consolidated 9-16 Educational Facility Program's Approved Projects List exhibit for the 2017-18 Rating Cycle. The Construction Committee strongly supported the language regarding withdrawal of a member of the Valley Unified Regional Service Center, or any withdrawal of a municipality from the Valley Unified Regional Service Center. After further discussion, the Construction Committee recommended that this exhibit be placed on the September 12, 2018 State Board meeting agenda and that the State Board approve the placement of the Valley Unified Regional Service Center on the Integrated, Consolidated 9-16 Educational Facility Approved Projects List for the 2017-2018 Rating Cycle as the Commissioner had recommended.

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 to 7% would be presented to the State Board at a future meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.