



School Construction Committee
Maine State Board of Education
Minutes of the November 20, 2020 Meeting

The School Construction Committee held a virtual Zoom meeting on November 20, 2020.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Fern Desjardins, Martha Harris, Jane Sexton, and Peter Geiger (joined 1:15 P.M.)

OTHERS PRESENT:

Wilson Hess, State Board of Education, Chair
Mary Becker, State Board of Education staff
Scott Brown, MDOE School Facilities
Valerie Chiang, MDOE School Facilities
Ann Pinnette, MDOE School Facilities
Jim Harford, MDOE School Facilities

Lisa Sawin, Harriman
Billy Hunter, Auburn School Dept.
Dr. Cornelia Brown, Auburn School Dept.
Adam Hansen, Auburn School Dept.
Scott Annear, Auburn School Dept.
Abigail Frost, Ellsworth American

Martha Harris called the meeting to order at 1:01 P.M.

Martha asked if there were any questions on the first order of business, the approval of the October 30, 2020 minutes. Fern Desjardins made a request to have a typo mistake corrected in the third paragraph. Fern then made a Motion, which was seconded by Jane Sexton, and unanimously voted by those present to accept the October 30, 2020 minutes with the specified correction.

Martha Harris then asked Scott Brown to present to the Committee the Exhibit for the Major Capital School Construction Program. Scott introduced the exhibit, Design and Funding Approval Consideration for the new Edward Little High School Construction Project. Scott provided a brief history of the project and then introduced Dr. Cornelia Brown, Superintendent of the Auburn School Department. Dr. Brown updated the Committee on events since Concept Approval, including the successful referendum vote, and thanked the State Board for their continued support of the project. She asked the architect, Lisa Sawin, to provide an overview of the few changes that have occurred since the Board approved the project at Concept Approval. Lisa explained that the most significant change was the slight change in the building orientation on the site and reviewed several other simple changes to the plan. After several questions and further discussion, a motion was made by Fern Desjardin, seconded by Jane Sexton, and unanimously voted by those present to accept the Commissioner's recommendation and move the exhibit forward to the December 9, 2020 State Board of Education meeting and recommend that the State Board grant Design and Funding Approval to the Auburn School Department for the new Edward Little High School construction project as presented.

Martha Harris asked if there were any additional items to be discussed under the Miscellaneous agenda item. There was none and the meeting was adjourned at 1:30 P.M.

The next School Construction Committee meeting is scheduled for December 18, 2020 at 1 P.M.