



School Construction Committee
Maine State Board of Education
Minutes of the October 30, 2020 Meeting

The School Construction Committee held a virtual Zoom meeting on October 30, 2020.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Fern Desjardins, Martha Harris, Jane Sexton, and Peter Geiger

OTHERS PRESENT:

Wilson Hess, State Board of Education, Chair
Scott Brown, MDOE School Facilities
Mary Becker, State Board of Education staff
Abbey Frost, Ellsworth American
Norm Lemire, Oak Point Associates
Allison DiMatteo, Oak Point Associates

Martha Harris called the meeting to order at 1:02 P.M.

Motion by Peter Geiger, seconded by Fern Desjardins, and unanimously voted by those present to accept the September 25, 2020 minutes as written.

Motion by Fern Desjardins, seconded by Peter Geiger, and unanimously voted by those present to accept the October 9, 2020 minutes as written.

Martha Harris asked Scott Brown to present to the Committee the Exhibit for the Major Capital School Construction Program. Mr. Brown explained the intent of the exhibit, Additions to the Approved Projects List for the 2017-2018 Rating Cycle, and provided slides with background information supporting the process to move forward with the two projects, Saco Elementary and RSU 14 (Windham) Middle School. After several questions and further discussion, a motion was made by Peter Geiger, seconded by Jane Sexton, and unanimously voted by those present to accept the Commissioner's recommendation and move the exhibit forward to the November 4, 2020 State Board of Education meeting.

The Committee discussed an action agenda to continue and strengthen their support of improving HVAC systems for public schools in Maine. They reviewed the goals of that work and highlighted the importance for strong advocacy both at the state and federal level for additional infrastructure funding. The committee will continue to work on this priority and update the board on their progress.

The next School Construction Committee meeting is scheduled for November 20, 2020 at 1 P.M.

The meeting adjourned at 1:41 P.M.