School Construction Committee
Maine State Board of Education
Minutes of the September 25, 2020 Meeting

The School Construction Committee held a virtual Zoom meeting on September 25, 2020.

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

OTHERS PRESENT:
Wilson Hess, State Board of Education, Chair
Pender Makin, Commissioner
Scott Brown, MDOE School Facilities
Ann Pinnette, MDOE School Facilities
Mary Becker, State Board of Education staff
Abbey Frost, Ellsworth American
Kathy Cogan, CHA Architects

Martha Harris called the meeting to order at 1:00 P.M.

Motion by Fern Desjardins, seconded by Peter Geiger, and unanimously voted by those present to accept the August 7, 2020 minutes.

Martha Harris asked Commissioner Makin to update the committee on the projects on the Approved Projects List for the 2017-2018 Rating Cycle of the Integrated, Consolidated 9-16 Educational Facility program. Commissioner Makin provided information on the status of the projects on the list. She also discussed a meeting that was held with leadership of the Valley Unified Education Service Center project in Augusta on September 10th. In that meeting it was agreed that a plan of governance for the project needed to be developed and approved by the three SAU applicant members by December 31, 2020. The Commissioner shared other questions and information that was exchanged in that meeting including the impact of potential member applicant withdrawal. After thorough discussion it was agreed that a follow up letter from the Commissioner and the State Board needed to be developed and sent to Valley Unified Education Service Center as soon as possible. The Department would develop a draft for review.

There was a brief discussion regarding ventilation in Maine schools. It was requested that information on ventilation be circulated and placed on a future meeting agenda.

The next School Construction Committee meeting is scheduled for October 30, 2020 at 1 P.M.

The meeting adjourned at 2:13 P.M.