

ELHS School Building Committee
School Committee Conference Room and Zoom Meeting
March 16th, 2022 – 3:30PM
Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

Stephen Chrusciel, School Building Committee Chair
Gordon Smith, Superintendent of Schools
Pamela Blair, Assistant Superintendent for Business
Joe Dunn, Town DPW Facilities Manager
Frank Paige, ELHS Principal (absent)
Heather Brown, ELHS Director of Curriculum
Kathleen Hill, Town Council Member
Beth Bower - School Building Committee Member
Stephen Lonergan, Town Accountant
Mary McNally, Town Manager (absent)
Elizabeth Marsian-Boucher, School Committee Member
Antonella Raschilla, School Committee Member (absent)
Bruce Fenney, Superintendent of East Longmeadow DPW (absent)
Daniela LaBarre, School Psychologist and Faculty member
Greg Thompson, sitting in for Antonella Raschilla

Other Attendees:

John Benzinger, Ben Murphy, Victoria Clifford - Skanska USA Building, Inc.

Meeting called to order 3:30 PM

Approval of Meeting Minutes

- Gordon Smith asked for a motion on the 1/5/22 SBC Meeting Minutes.
- Elizabeth Marsian-Boucher moved to approve the 1/5/22 ELHS SBC Meeting Minutes.
Stephen Lonergan seconded the motion.
 - Gordon Smith called a roll call vote:
 - Stephen Chrusciel - yes
 - Gordon Smith - yes
 - Pamela Blair - yes
 - Joe Dunn - yes
 - Heather Brown - yes
 - Kathleen Hill - yes
 - Beth Bower - yes
 - Steve Lonergan
 - Elizabeth Marsian-Boucher - yes
 - Daniela LaBarre – abstain
 - The motion passed.

Selection of the Designer Application Review Subcommittee (DARS)

- Ben Murph, Skanska, gave an overview of the designed selection schedule and process.
- Ben reported that 8 proposals were received and that the DARS subcommittee reviewed all and deemed all as qualified bidders. The firm that the DARS subcommittee found to be most advantageous for this project was JWA/SMMA.
- Three representatives from the East Longmeadow SBC will meet with the MSBA Designer Selection Committee on April 5th, to select a firm for the project.
 - o East Longmeadow will have 3 votes
 - o MSBA will have 13 votes
- Steve Chrusciel asked if we should expect pushback from the MSBA if District uses their opening to express which firm they favor.
 - o Skanska responded that we wouldn't expect pushback if there is a firm that is noted as the preferred firm by the District.
- Gordon Smith asked for Skanska's assistance in crafting the opening statement.
 - o Skanska agreed.
- Skanska explained once the designer is selected, the process will pick up quite a bit, and regular monthly SBC meetings will be scheduled starting May 2022..
- A committee member asked how many projects Skanska has done where the MSBA did not select the District's preferred design firms.
 - o Skanska responded that they had seen it once in West Springfield. There are lots of factors that come into play. The biggest factor is the firm's capacity to take on the job.

Questions on Next Steps

- No further questions.

Kathleen Hill moved to adjourn. Steve Chrusciel seconded the motion. Gordon Smith called a roll vote:

- Gordon Smith called a roll call vote:
 - o Stephen Chrusciel - yes
 - o Gordon Smith - yes
 - o Pamela Blair - yes
 - o Joe Dunn - yes
 - o Heather Brown - yes
 - o Kathleen Hill - yes
 - o Beth Bower - yes
 - o Steve Lonergan
 - o Elizabeth Marsian-Boucher - yes
 - o Daniela LaBarre – abstain
- The motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 4:20 PM.

Meeting Minutes respectfully submitted by, Victoria Clifford, Skanska