

JOHN F. KENNEDY MIDDLE SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
September 3, 2020

A meeting of the John F. Kennedy Middle School Building Committee held via a virtual meeting, on July 16, 2020.

1. CALL TO ORDER The meeting was called to order at 6:59 pm by Randy Daigle

2. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT

Randy Daigle, Gina Cekala, Katelyn Dunn, Scott Kaupin, Walter Kruzel, Michael Monteforte, Joe Muller, Greg Strich, Stacy Thurston

ALSO PRESENT

Marcus Brennan, Chris Cykley, Bruce Kellogg, Jill Lekse

MEMBERS ABSENT

David Costa, Amy Dennis, Nate Gengarella, Kevin Margolfo, Jeff Okun, Amar Shamas

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4. COMMITTEE GUESTS

None

5. ARCHITECTS REPORT

Bruce states we're supporting the construction phase via questions, which are called RFI's, shop drawings and submittals which talk about the various components that are being put in the building. We are reviewing pay requisitions and potential change orders. Jill is our construction administrator. She is also one of the architects that worked on this project throughout the design process. The FF&E has been blessed by the State. The project purchase orders have been drawn up and Nikki and Emily will be submitting them to the Town. The vendors will be supplying the furniture necessary only when each wing is expecting deliveries, so you don't have to worry about storing the furniture until you need the last piece. The technology equipment, which is process of being designed, we used to be able to pull that off the State list and it made the process easier. Now anything over \$100,000.00 of technology equipment has to be publically bid. We will be in the process of putting those together. Chris will be pulling the front end documents from the Town for bidding. Chris shows a powerpoint presentation of technology costs. Early in the design process there was a technology conversation about scope. This is a preliminary estimate. They've broken the components into larger blocks. Network and switches on the systems, you have data voice, WAP (wireless access points). This gets put out to bid. A column shows eligible costs. All of this is eligible for reimbursement through the State. Wireless access points throughout the building, you don't have to hardwire. Telephone system is a system that the district is requesting.

Randy states when we went through the budget for project, we initially had I.T. equipment at \$1.5 million. When we put everything out to bid we were concerned where the numbers were going to come in so we lowered the I.T. budget to \$1.0 million. In when the bids came in, we came in substantially lower. The number that we estimated was the correct number of \$1.5 million. With a couple of little specialties it may come in at \$1.6 million. We have contingency areas that will cover that. All the other areas that we so far have increased are still under budget, so we are still several million under budget, close to \$5 million. What we want to do is as we promised is that we are going to give the taxpayers a 21st century, state of the art building. We're not wasting money on technology that is going to obsolete soon. This is infrastructure, servers, equipment that will be there for the long term. Everything is falling into place perfectly. We talked to everyone who has anything to do with I.T. in the district. This is a great I.T. package. We will come back to the committee with the exact numbers for approval. This is to give you information of what is being worked on. The end users are part of the decision making.

Chris states in two weeks, on the 17th, the technology consultant is going to have a presentation of the entire technology package. This committee can then approve that package. We will need a board of education meeting. After the 22nd, I've asked for availability from the State to get in to get their review. Once we get their approval we can go out to bid and go to the State contract vendors. This is for getting the technology equipment we need for February in on time.

Gina asks does this have any impact or does this change at all the fact that all of the EPS students are being given iPads? Will this change once all the students receive their iPads? Is there any different infrastructure that is going to make a difference if all of the kids have an iPad?

Greg asks if 100% of the staff and students will be capable of getting online?

Chris states yes. Part of the school construction grant requires the school to be fully wireless.

Randy states we have 187 stations so the entire building is wifi capable. It doesn't matter if you're on a Mac or PC. The town may have to at some point increase bandwidth.

6. CMR REPORT

Marcus shows a powerpoint presentation. He shows the back half the building. Swing spaces were done this summer. That work is complete. Shows the new auditorium, locker room addition and all the footings are complete. Future locker rooms are shown. The old black wing is shown. We took down walls, cut up the slabs for underground work and the slabs placed back. The existing windows had precast sills and brickwork underneath. The sills that had to be removed, as well as any areas that had PCB soil underneath it. There is new brickwork back in place and we're waiting for the sills to show up. In the yellow wing, the old girls locker room is shown. There are new beams and columns that allow new footings and columns to pick up the load of that roof. Slabs are being cut up for underground plumbing work. The old pool has been completely backfilled. We are shooting to pour the slab on grade in the month of September. Outside that wing we are building a new addition to house the MEP switch gear and the new fire pump. As soon as the electricians finish the underground portions of that area we are going to pour the slab. That is tracking well. At the blue wing roof, the roofer has been onsite installing safety rails. They will be starting to replace the roof on this wing. It will be a 2 week process. There are several roof penetrations. We are waiting for the windows and sills for this area. Interior of the blue wing demolition is 100% done. Bathroom areas are shown. All underground plumbing is complete. Swing spaces are shown. Area looks very nice and they started moving in. Old media center swing space shown. The ALP room is shown.

Gina asks are we ready for kids to come in?

Marcus states we are. We have furniture in the swing space area. We are in good shape.

Gina states parents are worried. We know they are not going to have the students walking through the construction areas. Can we get some of those pictures to post on the JFK Facebook page? Maybe in a JFK newsletter, so they can understand what a swing space is.

Katelyn states they are thinking of doing a virtual newsletter with pictures, and what you can expect to see.

Andrew would like copies of the pictures for his newsletter.

Randy suggests putting up picture boards in the main office.

7. OWNERS REP REPORT

Chris states last week we had the movers on site to move the furniture.

8. BUDGET SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

Randy states the Budget Subcommittee reviewed and approved the following invoices.

Motion made by Greg Strich to Add to the Agenda Item 7b – Invoice Approvals

Seconded by Scott Kaupin

Motion passes by a show of hands

Motion made by Greg Strich to Approve ATP 0011 – Code Modification, in the Amount of \$55,974.00

Seconded by Scott Kaupin

Motion passes by a show of hands

Motion made by Greg Strich to Approve ATP 0012 – Supporting Changes due to Coordination, in the amount of \$7,636.00

Seconded by Scott Kaupin

Motion passes by a show of hands

Motion made by Greg Strich to Approve ATP 0014 – Demolition of Underground Piping, in the amount of \$17,755.00

Seconded by Scott Kaupin

Motion passes by a show of hands

Motion made by Greg Strich to Approve ATP 0015 – Changes to Music Room, Credit of \$8,409.00

Seconded by Scott Kaupin

Motion passes by a show of hands

Motion made by Greg Strich to Approve ATP 0016 – Added Steel Framing for Rooftop Deck, in the amount of \$11,192

Seconded by Scott Kaupin

Motion passes by a show of hands

Motion made by Greg Strich to Approve ATP 0017 – Kitchen Underground Trenching, in the amount of \$70,316

Seconded by Scott Kaupin

Motion passes by a show of hands

Motion made by Greg Strich to Approve ATP 0018 – Additional Temporary Measures for Swing Space, in the amount of \$20,200

Seconded by Scott Kaupin

Motion passes by a show of hands

Motion made by Greg Strich to Approve CSG Invoice Number 8, Dated September 3, 2020, in the Amount of \$21,025.71

Seconded by Scott Kaupin

Motion passes by a show of hands

Motion made by Greg Strich to **Table** the following Invoice – JCJ Invoice Number 17

Seconded by Scott Kaupin

Motion passes by a show of hands

Motion made by Greg Strich to Approve Gilbane Application Number 11, dated August 31, 2020, in the Amount of \$1,336,791.70

Seconded by Scott Kaupin

Motion passes by a show of hands

Motion made by Greg Strich to Approve TRC Invoice Number 429342, dated August 6, 2020, in the amount of \$42,070.00

Seconded by Scott Kaupin

Motion passes by a show of hands

Motion made by Greg Strich to Approve Independent Material Testing Lab, Invoice Number 4707-A, dated July 31, 2020, in the amount of \$645.00

Seconded by Scott Kaupin

Motion passes by a show of hands

Motion made by Greg Strich to Approve AAIS Invoice Number 0156-2, dated August 11, 2020, in the Amount of \$963,348.40

Seconded by Scott Kaupin

Motion passes by a show of hands

Motion made by Greg Strich to Approve Clean Harbors Invoice Number 1003362052, in the Amount of \$1,376.25

Seconded by Scott Kaupin

Motion passes by a show of hands

Motion made by Greg Strich to Approve Clean Harbors Invoice Number 1003397684, in the Amount of \$2,943.00

Seconded by Scott Kaupin

Motion passes by a show of hands

9. OLD BUSINESS

None

10. NEW BUSINESS

None

11. COMMUNICATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

Greg states Kathy Zalucki and Deb McCarthy have sent out invitations for the groundbreaking ceremony. Andrew will send out information to the JFK families. Groundbreaking is scheduled for Monday, September 14, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. at the JFK Middle School. The program and presentation boards are being finalized and approved.

12. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING

Randy states our next meeting is scheduled for September 17, 2020.

13. COMMITTEE COMMENTS

a. Liaison Comments

Walter states thank you and great job.

Stacy states thank you to the committee members.

b. Committee Member Comments

c. Good to the Order

d. Any Happy News

14. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to Adjourn by Greg Strich

Seconded by Scott Kaupin

Motion passes by a show of hands

Adjourned: 8:03 PM