

EASTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
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EASTON SCHOOL PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
Wednesday, August 17, 2022

**Minutes of the Virtual School Planning Committee Meeting, August 17, 2022,** Virtual Meeting via Zoom, convened at 5:31 p.m. Present: Jacqueline Weisman, David Twombly, Sam Cederbaum, Tim Vamosi, Connor Read, Dottie Fulginiti, Ann Weintrob, Billy Sobieraj, Jane Martin, David Field, and Caroline O'Neill.

**Also in Attendance:**

Walter Hartley, Project Manager, PMA Consultants; Chris Loeffler, PMA Consultants; Dawn Guarriello, Perkins Eastman, Dan Colli, Perkins Eastman; and Joe Boerman, ECAT.

**Call Meeting to Order:**

Chair Weisman called the meeting to order by stating that in keeping with an act relative to extending certain Covid-19 measures adopted during the state of emergency, the meeting will be conducted remotely over Zoom. Attendance by Board members will be remote and remote attendance shall count toward quorum. The meeting will be broadcast live on FaceBook and recorded on ECAT. To use zoom you will need to download the Zoom application or use the link on the agenda.

**Minutes: 07/20/2022:**

On a motion by Ms. O'Neill, seconded by Ms. Fulginiti, with a roll call vote of 9-0, the minutes of 7/20/2022 were approved with noted edit.

**Construction Progress Update**

**a. Diesel Heating Oil Spill Remediation Update**

Mr. Hartley displayed photos from the construction site showing the progress from comparing photos taken in July to August.

Mr. Hartley provided an update on the oil spill remediation. He said that they have fully remediated any remnants of the oil. One of the requirements by the LSP (license site professional) was that two monitoring wells will be installed for any potential areas that need to be monitored for a total of one year. The flowable fill and structural gravel base has been set, the peers have been reset, and the area is nearly complete. He noted that he was happy to report that this is much sooner than anticipated.

**Cash flow / Schedule Update:**

Mr. Hartley presented the cashflow update:

- 58.14 million billed to date
- 23.15 million MSBA reimbursement to date
- 7.89 million pending MSBA audit

Mr. Hartley stated that the cashflow is moving along great with no cause for concern at this point in time.

Mr. Hartley reviewed the following construction lookahead:

- tape/mud at stage walls and C building
- radiant panel installs at A building
- linear wood drill framing at A building
- music room ceiling installation to begin
- gymnasium wood flooring to continue
- acoustic wall panels at cafe 1
- resilient flooring installation to continue at A, C, and E buildings
- toilet/fixture installation throughout building
- boiler room buildout to continue
- middle school parking lot curb setting and final pavement
- field stone seat walls at exterior of building are ongoing
- fiber cement panel installation to continue
- roof edge metal to continue at building exterior

### **Contingency Update:**

#### **b. Non-Discretionary PCO review and Vote**

Mr. Hartley provided a contingency update. He said that the project has progressed 67.4% of the way through the project. He noted that they have 21.3% in authorized changes carrying 22% exposure and 56.7% of contingency available.

Mr. Hartley noted that Dr. Cabral was not in attendance but she did provide PMA with some information that she wanted brought to the attention of the Committee. He spoke of reusing and transplanting plantings that currently exist and a few new plantings. He noted that the abutters to the project have been great and very accommodating. He said multiple trees have been removed in their front yards as part of the project. Mr. Hartley said that those abutters have worked closely with the landscape architect who came up with this plan to reuse quite a bit of the plantings that are actually at Parkview School. He said the total cost of the project would be \$25,500 and it is to increase some of the enhanced privacy for the abutters who previously had some good cover between themselves and the school. He noted that this would not come with a warranty and become the property of the abutter. Mr. Hartley added that they wanted to bring this to the group as it is a discretionary PCO and Dr. Cabral was in favor of it.

Ms. Fulginiti expressed her gratitude for the way that PMA and the Committee has dealt with the issue as she knows it was something very concerning from the beginning. She acknowledged that the Sullivans have attended every meeting and that it is a good example of how good communication can work out. She expressed her appreciation for their patience and noted that it was a great resolution.

Ms. Florence Sullivan, resident and abutter to the project, commented that when the landscape designer came in she said that all the plants were warranty for the project for one year and that anything that is moved over will be watched and if it did go down in the first year, it could be replaced. She asked Mr. Hartley if that was his understanding as well.

Mr. Hartley checked and confirmed that the warranty would exist on the new plantings and the transplants would not be covered under a warranty.

On a motion by Ms. Fulginiti, seconded by Ms. O'Neill, with a roll call vote of 9-0, the Committee to accept the discretionary PCO (potential change order).

**FF&E/IT Budget Update:**

Mr. Hartley said not much has changed regarding the FF&E/IT update and that they are still anticipating furniture on about October 14th to the 16 of November and there hasn't been any updates on any purchase changes. He said they are still tracking the underrun of the total approved FF&E budget of \$3 million and are still under that by \$132,000.

**WWTP Upgrade Construction Update:**

Mr. Hartley provided an update on the wastewater treatment plant construction. He said they continue having weekly construction update meetings on Wednesdays at 8:30 am. The tank installations are nearly complete and he reviewed the following:

- interior building doors and openings
- prep and placement of ramps
- tie-in of new tanks (he noted that they do have 1 empty tank that has some cracks in it and needs to be repaired)
- masonry restoration
- interior equipment updates
- interior tanks painting

Mr. Hartley noted that the completion date for the scope is August 26th and that they are reviewing a solution for material that is not going to be received in time; therefore, Stan Tech is working on a solution to bypass one of the pieces of equipment. He added that everyone is aware of the August 26th date and that people will be back in the buildings on August 29th. He noted that it is one piece of material for one of the interior tanks and it won't be in until late September.

**Dedication Plaque:**

Mr. Hartley presented a draft of the dedication plaque for the Blanche A. Ames Elementary School.

Ms. O'Neill noted that Ms. Jane Martin was Chair of the School Planning Committee the majority of the time and asked if it was possible to list the current Chair with the dates she served and list Ms. Martin's dates for the time she served as Chair.

Ms. Martin said that her feeling is that the names on the plaques don't reflect all of the people who were involved. She continued that she appreciated Ms. O'Neill's comments; however, she worries that they are acknowledging some people and not others who were heavily involved in other ways. She said she would like to see a plaque without names as there were people who sat on the School Planning Committee at the early onset of the project who are not listed and have moved onto other positions in the district. She said there were lots of people including students who contributed significantly to the design elements in the building.

Mr. Colli said that they have had plaques that had their school seal, or a statement about education, a statement thanking the community rather than try to name every person who contributed to the project.

Mr. Read noted that there are a lot of folks on the Committee who have been on the Committee for the majority of the time for years and suggested decreasing the size of the town seal and focus on having more inclusive language.

Chair Weisman noted that the plaque would have to go before the School Committee and offered two options. One option would be to have the School Planning Committee listed as it is and include the names of the people who have been on it from the beginning or move the town seal down and move the wording under the town seal over to the right side.

Ms. Fulginiti agreed that having the names of everyone who worked on the project listed was important.

Mr. Vamosi echoed Ms. Fulginiti and Mr. Read's comments and said that being in the Fire Department they are very steeped in tradition with the names and pictures of guys from the 1800s on the walls. He said the pictures are there and the names are there and it does become a time capsule.

Chair Weisman noted that an extra informal School Planning Committee meeting could be scheduled to have a further conversation about the plaque.

Mr. Colli discussed the types of materials for the plaque and suggested stainless steel.

Chair Weisman said that she would like to do more research on how many more names could potentially be added and speak with Mr. Colli or Mr. Hartley about drafting other options to be presented to the Committee.

### **School Outreach Mini Update/Lookahead**

Mr. Hartley said that Mr. Read and Dr. Cabral had requested a presentation that would be put out to the community prior to the start of school.

Mr. Loeffler presented the project schedule/timeline presentation including traffic maps of the Parkview School and Easton Middle School parking plans.

Mr. Twombly noted that this would be the plan for September and that it could be tweaked if need be.

Mr. Loeffler presented some photos of the front entry renderings, comparison and mock up rooms.

Mr. Loeffler reviewed the budget/cash flow as of August 12th for the presentation:

- Billed to date \$58.07 million
- MSBA reimbursement to date \$23.15 million
- Pending MSBA audit \$454,000

Mr. Loeffler provided a contingency update as of August 12th for the presentation:

- construction contingency \$3.74 million
- time lapse 63.8%
- soft cost contingency \$1.26 million
- FF&E anticipated coverage \$900,000
- bid savings \$9.75
- wastewater treatment of \$1.49

Mr. Read provided some suggestions.

### **Upcoming Meetings:**

The upcoming meetings are scheduled for:

- September 21, 2022
- October 19, 2022
- November 16, 2022

**New Business:**

Chair Weisman said she would continue to work on the plaque moving forward and provide information to the Committee and Mr. Loeffler and Mr. Read will update the presentation before the start of school.

Ms. Martin excused the meeting prior to adjournment.

**Adjournment**

On a motion by Ms. Fulginiti, seconded by Ms. O'Neill, with a roll call vote of 8-0, the meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Minutes Recorded by,

Lynn Souza

Respectfully submitted,

Jacqueline Weisman  
Secretary