

STONINGTON BOARD OF EDUCATION/K-12 SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE

SPECIAL JOINT MEETING

March 9, 2017

The special joint meeting of the Stonington Board of Education and the K-12 School Building Committee was called to order by Board of Education Chairman, Frank Todisco, at 6:01 p.m. in the Stonington High School Commons. Members present were Board of Education members, Frank Todisco, BOE Chairman, Faith Leitner, Secretary, Deborah Downie, Alexa Garvey, Craig Esposito, Candace Anderson, Members Absent: Terry Stefanski; K-12 School Building Committee members, Rob Marseglia, Chairman, Kate Rotella, Vice Chairwoman, Julie Holland, Secretary, June Strunk, George Crouse, Deborah Downie, Rob Sundman, Dan Oliverio, Bob Mitchell, Members Absent: Wendy Wilbert, Kathy Sanford, and Debra Widmer.

Also present were Nikki Gullickson, Assistant Superintendent of Schools, Ana de Oliveira, Recording Secretary, Jim Barrett, Greg Smolley, DRA; and interested citizens.

Presentation of Stonington Public Schools Renovations and Additions to West Vine Elementary and Deans Mill Elementary Schools

Greg Smolley, DRA Representative, gave an overview and presented a PowerPoint presentation (see attached) with floor plans, street views, rear elevations, and room sizes of renovation of West Vine Street School and Deans Mill School. Mr. Smolley also shared drawings while explaining which portions of the buildings are old and which will be the new sections. Mr. Smolley explained these construction drawings will be presented to the state once approved by the Board of Education and K-12 School Building Committee. Mr. Smolley also showed an aerial photo of both schools existing and new parking reconfiguration. Mr. Smolley explained the special spaces such as music room, storage areas, cafeteria, kitchen, bathrooms, library and functions and accessibility of each area. Mr. Smolley spoke on seating in the new gymnasiums and the flexibility of this area, and reviewed the special ed and behavior classrooms at Deans Mill School. Mr. Smolley also spoke on the administrative, nurses' suites, and public waiting areas for each school. Mr. Smolley ended his presentation by reviewing the upcoming three-month schedule for the building process and noted Gilbane will be working with the principals to get all the buildings packed up and construction will start the day after the last day of school.

Mr. Greg Smolley, DRA Representative, reviewed the cost estimates as follows for West Vine Street School:

Gilbane Cost -	\$25,805,609
Construction budget -	\$24,972,300
Differential of	(\$833,309) (estimated differential to be funded by re-allocation of Soft Costs and Owner Contingency)

Mr. Greg Smolley, DRA Representative reviewed the cost estimates as follows for Deans Mill School:

Gilbane Cost -	\$28,570,322
Construction budget -	\$27,750,700
Differential of	(\$819,622) (estimated differential to be funded by re-allocation of Soft Costs and Owner Contingency)

The Board of Education had no questions. Rob Marseglia, K-12 School Building Chairman, thanked Principal Alicia Dawe and Principal Jenn McCurdy, their staff, and Central Office staff for their involvement and work. Chairman Marseglia noted this project has a lot of input from people that will work and do work in the buildings for long time to come; they put in hours and hours of work to present this tonight. Chairman Marseglia stated the projects are coming in under budget of what we are asking the taxpayers of the town. Chairman Marseglia also noted that originally, we would move into the new buildings in the fall of 2019 but now are targeting for the fall of 2018 and this earlier opening has saved us a lot of money.

Deborah Downie, Board Representative to the K-12 School Building Committee, commented these plans have a lot of input from the staff and the principals, and Building Committee and noted she personally feels that these building plans look good.

Approval of final plans, project manual and professional costs for the West Vine Elementary and Deans Mill Schools building projects

The following motion was made by Board of Education members Craig Esposito and seconded by Deborah Downie:

Motion 1: To approve the West Vine School project state project number 137-0048 RNV/EA final plans dated March 7, 2017, project manual dated March 7, 2017 and professional cost estimate dated March 3, 2017 and to approve the Building Committee Chairman, the Board of Education Chairman and the Superintendent of Schools to sign the SCG-042 form.

Aye: All

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The following motion was made by K-12 School Building Committee members Kate Rotella and seconded by George Crouse:

- Motion 2:** To approve the West Vine School project state project number 137-0048 RNV/EA final plans dated March 7, 2017, project manual dated March 7, 2017 and professional cost estimate dated March 3, 2017.
Aye: All

The following motion was made by Board of Education members Deborah Downie and seconded by Craig Esposito:

- Motion 3:** To approve the Deans Mill School project state project number 137-0047 RNV/EA final plans dated March 7, 2017, project manual dated March 7, 2017 and professional cost estimate dated March 3, 2017 and to approve the Building Committee Chairman, the Board of Education Chairman and the Superintendent of Schools to sign the SCG-042 form.
Aye: All

The following motion was made by K-12 School Building Committee member Rob Sundman and seconded by George Crouse:

- Motion 4:** To approve the Deans Mill School project state project number 137-0047 RNV/EA final plans dated March 7, 2017, project manual dated March 7, 2017 and professional cost estimate dated March 3, 2017.
Aye: All

The following motion was made by Board of Education member Craig Esposito and seconded by Deborah Downie:

- Motion 5:** To Adjourn at 6:32 p.m.
Aye: All

Faith Leitner, Board Secretary