

Memorial Boulevard Intradistrict
Arts Magnet School Committee
Special Meeting September 5, 2019

Present: Cheryl, Assis, Dr. Michael Dietter, John Lodovico, Steve Masotti,
Dave Preleski, and John Smith

Excused: Lori Eschner, Frank Stawski, and Chris Wilson

Also Present: Jill Browne, Tim Callahan, Dr. Catherine Carbone, Edward
D'Amato, David Heer, Rusty Malik, Roger Rousseau, and Mayor
Zoppo-Sassu

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:31 p.m. by Chair Dietter.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by John Smith and seconded by John Lodovico, it was unanimously voted to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on August 22, 2019.

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation at this time.

4. PROJECT MANAGER'S UPDATE

Tim Callahan presented:

- Reviewed the scope with OSCGR; the cost estimate is over budget
- OSCGR agreed to increase and fund the project cost of \$63,000,000 from 54,800,000
- QA&M will review the VE options for DD
- D'Amato Downes will discuss estimate and schedule

5. ARCHITECT'S UPDATE

Rusty Malik Presented:

- QA&M have begun to look more closely at the scope and define areas that may have the ability to be removed from the project or included in the project as an alternate
- Many areas of scope creep came about due to wants and needs of both OSCGR and SHPO
- The list of areas that are being considered are on file in room 24 at the BOE Central Office

- In addition to the list presented, the current size of the gymnasium may be altered back down
- John Lodovico stated, at this stage, it is not uncommon to be over budget and work to a manageable budget
- There are currently \$1.3 million in permit fees that are not reimbursable
- If the committee keep the permit fees as an expenditure, 3rd party review will become ineligible for reimbursement; if the committee gets the fees waived, the 3rd party review will be eligible for reimbursement
- Dave Preleski and Mayor Zoppo-Sassu will look into the ordinance regarding permit fees
- QA&M will meet with Downes D'Amato for estimate review
- There is a possibility of reducing the program as well as the square footage to meet the budget
- Chairperson Dietter iterated this is the process, to meet the budget, wants vs. needs are evaluated closely
- There will be cost savings initially because the wants of SHPO were embedded in many line items increasing the budget
- In a meeting with OSCGR, it was stated they are willing to allow accepting rebates and fundraising and it would not affect the reimbursement rate
- OSCGR gave the directive to proceed without SHPO at this point

6. CONSTRUCTION MANAGER UPDATE

David Heer Presented:

- David Heer stated they are looking at many ideas before putting any new costs in
- There must be a clear understanding of what the new scope will be
- There will be more design and element changes that will have a financial impact
- At a quick glance, they are able to pull out 8 “deduct alternates”
- There are available contingencies so it is encouraged to not take too much out too soon
- They will go back to the state with a detailed estimate with modifications
- In order to get to the budget, 12.8 million would need to be taken from trade costs

7. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Chairperson Michael Dieter Presented:

- A letter from the historical society was received expressing their favor of the option A entrance. A copy of the letter is on file in room 24 at the Board of Education Central Office
- A copy of the questions and answers from the community meeting were handed out. They will be on file in room 24 at the Board of Education Central Office and online on the BOE website under School Building Committees

8. EXPENDITURE REPORT

Timothy Callahan Presented

- The budget increased from 54.8 million to 63 million
- Looking for approval to seek additional funding from Board of Finance

On a motion by John Lodovico and seconded by Steve Masotti to approve the total project costs of \$63,000,000 from \$54,800,000 and to request that the Board of Finance approve the appropriation. This motion does not pass.

After discussion, it was agreed it may be premature to approach the BOF and ask for an appropriation of additional funds. Dave Preleski stated it would be in the best interest of the committee to inform the BOF of the increased project costs.

A motion by John Lodovico and seconded by Steve Masotti, it was unanimously voted to approve to withdraw the original motion presented.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m. by Chair Dieter.

Respectfully submitted,

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