

Memorial Boulevard Intradistrict
Arts Magnet School Committee
Regular Meeting September 26, 2019

Present: Cheryl, Assis, Dr. Michael Dietter, Lori Eschner, Frank Stawski,
John Lodovico, Steve Masotti, John Smith, and Chris Wilson

Excused: David Preleski

Also Present: Jill Browne, Angela Cahill, Tim Callahan, Dr. Catherine Carbone,
Edward D'Amato, David Heer, Roger Rousseau, and Mayor Zoppo-
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1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 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 special meeting on September 26, 2019.

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation at this time.

4. PROJECT MANAGER'S UPDATE

Tim Callahan presented:

- Mr. Callahan presented the information to the Board of Finance meeting on September 24
- QA & M as well as Chair Dietter, Carly Fortin, and Tim Callahan met to discuss programming and the programming impact for the pathways
- There is a revised plan with the 12,000sf reduction
- Looking for future reductions through the trades during design development
- Estimate update currently over 2.7% for schematic design with almost 10 million in contingencies for design development

5. ARCHITECT'S UPDATE

Angela Cahill Presented:

- Angela Cahill expressed QA & M is comfortable where they are with the budget at this time

- She gave an overview of the updated design (this is on file at the BOE in room 24)
- The significant change is in the size and shape of the addition
- Basement Changes:
 - mechanical room will not be as large as originally planned
 - program space ultimately remains unchanged
- Ground Floor Changes:
 - change in size and shape of the addition
 - moved café to large area on south side of the building – still working with layout options (this area may still change)
 - gym is closer to existing building
 - backstage area was decreased
- 1st Floor Changes:
 - green roof over the locker rooms
 - high school tech ed is located behind the stage
 - theater seating has decreased to 650
 - less theater renovations (galleries around the stage area will be left as well as the stairs that lead to them)
 - working with a ramp system to accommodate handicap accessibility to the stage
- 2nd Floor Changes:
 - no significant changes
 - houses 8th grade and media center
- 3rd Floor Changes:
 - no significant changes
 - dedicated to 6th and 7th grades
- John Lodovico requested square footage of mechanical area – Angela will report back
- Lori Eschner is looking for a specific space to be dedicated for theater and dance - She stated shared space will not work for dance – Angela is working on a big open space for dance
- There was concern from committee members that the black box was removed from the plan – Chair Dietter responded that it is not “identified space,” it is a priority and the team is looking into what other areas can be used as “multiuse space”
- Feedback has been communicated to QA & M regarding what areas would be good for multiuse space
- Frank Stawski questioned how much longer can discussions continue before it affects the schedule – the schedule is not currently affected because the footprint of the building is not affected

- The team is following the recommendation of OSCGR in reference to remaining compliant with the historical society – the project has local historical society support
- Frank Stawski reported prior to the project committee, there was a theater committee who worked with several theater consultants that offered different ideas for the theater – Angela would like to compare notes with what ideas their theater consultants offered
- Josh Medeiros is the chairperson for the theater committee and it would be beneficial to discuss theater components with him
- The plan is to build a “professional quality theater”

6. CONSTRUCTION MANAGER UPDATE

David Heer Presented:

- Reviewed the current estimate
- Last estimate had project costs of \$77,730,00 – Current estimate is \$64,712,000 – overage of \$1,712,000
- There is almost 10 million in contingency funds – as schematic design progresses, contingencies reduce
- It is typical to be overbudget at this point in the project
- Feels confident moving forward into design development
- Permit fees, 3rd party review, and the construction work at Associated Spring is ineligible
- John Smith stated the budget is the budget – we can’t spend over \$63,000,000 – Coordination with Josh Medeiros needs to happen quickly to begin fundraising for theater
- The field will become a multipurpose field to allow for soccer, lacrosse, and community events
- The schedule for the early demo package will change but the PCR is still looking favorable for June 2020

7. CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT

Chairperson Michael Dieter Presented:

- The community discussion was tentatively scheduled for October – it will be moved to November – once decided, the date will be shared

8. EXPENDITURE REPORT

Timothy Callahan Presented

- The expenditure report is on file in room 24 at the BOE central office

9. OLD BUSINESS

- Lori Eschner referred to the “draft questions” that were handed out at the last meeting. She is questioning why there are discussions about STEM not STEAM – this is a creative arts school and it should be STEAM
- Lori Eschner would like it rewritten – Why are we talking STEM not STEAM?

10. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by John Lodovico and seconded by Frank Stawski at 7:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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APPROVED