

**BRISTOL BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY, MAY 26, 2021**

The Operations Committee met on Wednesday, May 26, 2021 in the BoE Auditorium and via ZOOM online meeting platform

Present: Committee Chair Eric Carlson, John Sklenka, and Chris Wilson

Also Present: Jill Browne, Timothy Callahan, Dr. Catherine Carbone, Kim Culkin, Dr. Mike Dietter, Jennifer Dube, Attorney Timothy Furey, John Furey, Dr. Sam Galloway, Kristen Giantonio, and Allison Wadowski

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Chair Carlson  
Pledge of Allegiance  
The meeting norms were reviewed.

**2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

**April 28, 2021 REGULAR MEETING**

*On a motion by Commissioner Wilson and seconded by Commissioner Sklenka, it was unanimously voted to approve the April 28, 2021 regular meeting minutes.*

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment at this time.

**4. UPDATE ON SCG-1050**

Timothy Callahan gave an update on the SCG-1050. The SCG-1050 is the state facilities survey taking an in depth look at what the schools are about. There are several sections of the survey regarding general information about the school, programming, mechanicals, operational costs, and past, present and future projects. This survey is due to the state by May 31, 2021

**5. BRISTOL RESIDENT CONCERN**

Attorney Timothy Furey on behalf of John Furey, 240 Morris Avenue, Bristol

Attorney Furey addressed the Operations Committee regarding the concerns of John Furey. Attorney Furey stated the following as areas of concern: the lights, parking, drop off/pick up area, port-o-let placement, food trucks, ticket booth placement, and garbage from the events. After Attorney Furey spoke, it was agreed that Commissioner Carlson would take a look at the area to get a better understanding of what the concerns were. They will work together to come up with a plan that will be beneficial for all parties.

**6. SCHOOLS TRAFFIC STUDY & CONCEPTUAL SITE DESIGN/ESTIMATING**

Timothy Callahan noted there have been issues regarding the space and setup of some school parking lots in the district. This could be in part because there are less walkers and students utilizing bus transportation and more students being dropped off. Tim Callahan has reached out to have a traffic study done at Greene-Hills, Hubbell, and South Side School.

## 7. REIMAGINING BRISTOL PUBLIC SCHOOLS; UPDATE REGARDING FEASIBILITY PLANNING

The three scenarios were reviewed. All three scenarios have two phases.

Scenario 5a:

Phase I

- Edgewood becomes PK only.
- Increases equity and parity through Free/Reduced lunch balancing
- Proportionally feed MBIAMS
- Begin construction of NEMS

Phase II

- Close Stafford
- Convert K-8 schools to K-5
- Open new NEMS
- Reduced elementary capacity
- Maintain direct feeder from elementary to middle, results in enrollment imbalances at middle schools
- Indirect feeder to high schools

Scenario 5b:

Phase I

- Edgewood becomes PK only.
- Increases equity and parity through Free/Reduced lunch balancing
- Proportionally feed MBIAMS
- Begin construction of NEMS

Phase II

- Close Stafford
- Convert K-8 schools to K-5
- Open new NEMS
- Reduced elementary capacity
- Indirect feeder from elementary to middle yielding improved balance in enrollment at middle
- Direct feeder to high schools using the same boundaries as middle

Scenario 5c:

Phase I

- Edgewood becomes PK only.
- Increases equity and parity through Free/Reduced lunch balancing
- Proportionally feed MBIAMS
- Begin construction of NEMS

Phase II

- Stafford remains open
- Convert K-8 schools to K-5
- Open new NEMS
- Additional elementary capacity
- Indirect feeder from elementary to middle allowing balance in enrollment at middle
- Direct feeder to high schools using the same boundaries as middle

Estimated Costs for the projects provided by QA&M

<p>5                      Estimated Project Cost: \$112.02M                      Operational Cost: No Increase                      City Bonded Cost: \$38.5M                       Potential Savings with Minimal MEP/Site Scope @ GH &amp; WB: \$5M                      Estimated Project Cost: \$105M                      City Bonded Costs: \$35.52M</p>	<p>5a                      Estimated Project Cost: \$110M                      Operational Cost: No Increase                      City Bonded Cost: \$38.5M                       Potential Savings with Minimal MEP/Site Scope @ GH &amp; WB: \$5M                      Estimated Project Cost: \$105M                      City Bonded Costs: \$35.52M</p>	<p>The difference between the two estimates is based on whether Edgewood School has minor or moderate renovations. Option 5 allows for moderate renovations at Edgewood while Option 5a identifies only minor renovations.</p>
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After reviewing the 3 scenarios, the commissioners discussed the what is of immediate need. The three commissioners agreed that moving forward with building a larger NEMS and repurposing Edgewood for a pre-K center was the most important and first step in reimaging Bristol Public Schools.

***On a motion by Commissioner Sklenka and seconded by Commissioner Wilson, it was unanimously voted to approve to move forward with the project to build a new, larger Northeast Middle School and to repurpose Edgewood School as a Pre-K building and to forward to the full board for consideration.***

It was stated that the committee has made a decision of what they want the actions to be and feels the 5a/5b/5c nomenclature can be dropped. The many references to the projects can cause confusion among the committee and public.

The projected timeline is to have the application in to CT DAS by February of 2022. That will allow time to communicate with the community and other steps that are required prior to the application to the state.

***On a motion by Commissioner Sklenka and seconded by Commissioner Wilson, it was unanimously voted to move the opening of Edgewood School and redistricting to the 2023/2024 school year giving the option to PK students to matriculate into the school they will be redistricted in.***

**8. OLD BUSINESS**

None at this time

**9. NEW BUSINESS**

None at this time

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

***On a motion by Comm. Wilson and seconded by Comm. Sklenka, the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.***

Respectfully Submitted,

Tara Landon