

Memorial Boulevard Intradistrict
Arts Magnet School Committee
Regular Meeting August 26, 2021

Present: Cheryl Assis, Dr. Michael Dietter, Lori Eschner, John Lodovico, Steve Massotti, Dave Preleski, John Smith, and Chris Wilson

Also Present: Angela Cahill, Timothy Callahan, Ed D’Amato Jr., Tom D’Amato, Greg Hahn, Mike Lane, Lea McCabe, Roger Rousseau, and Frank Tomcak

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chair Dietter.
Reviewed the meeting norms

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by John Smith and seconded John Lodovico, it was unanimously voted to approve the minutes from the July 22, 2021 regular meeting.

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Ernie Pitti, 65 Palmorr Place, Bristol, emailed requesting the current budget and costs are for environmental remediation. The information requested was forwarded to him via email.

	<u>ACM/PCB Removals</u>	<u>Lead Abatement</u>
Approved Budget Amount in GMP	\$3,144,970.00	\$228,800.00
Actual Amount to Date	\$3,290,122.06	\$340,451.29

The amount expended beyond the original budget for remediation was funded by the owner’s contingency.

4. BRISTOL ARTS AND CULTURE FUND, INC. FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITY

Presented by Lea McCabe

Lea McCabe is the Dean of Students at Northeast Middle School and the BACF Secretary. Mrs. McCabe gave an overview of the MBIAMS Patio Paver Fundraising Project proposal. The Bristol Arts & Culture Fund, Inc. is a newly re-incorporated 501c3 created to provide cultural enrichment to the citizens of Bristol and the public at large, thus enhancing the quality of life for all; and to encourage and nurture aspiring artists of all ages.

Other members on the BACF are Greg Hahn, President; Samantha Buonafede, Treasurer; Ken Bagley, Member; and Mark Mazzarella, Member. The goals of the BACF are to create a fund that would support the arts in Bristol by providing grants to local artists, to host events that create arts and culture experiences for the residents of Bristol, and to support the maintenance and advancement of the MBIAMS Theater.

The BACF is proposing to do a paver patio fundraiser. They are considering a location that is 14' x 14' between the school and the fields. They are looking to sell approximately 800-1000 engraved 4" x 8" pavers with a sale price of \$100.00. Pavers will be sold and pre-engraved prior to the patio installation with additional purchased pavers (at a later time) installed 2 – 3 times throughout the year. This expense would be the responsibility of BACF. The timeline for the project is between September 2021 and ongoing. The messaging would be subject to the BACF approval keeping in mind the BOE and city standards. Examples could include "In Memory of, The _____ Family, Donated By." The funds that are raised through this fundraiser will remain with the BACF. This money will be used to support the MBIAMS Theater, Parks & Rec arts programs, grants to local artists, and arts and culture events in Bristol.

Greg Hahn stated they would limit the engraving messages to what was reviewed at the meeting. In regards to removing and replacing, the extra pavers would be housed at a specified vendor's facility and the chosen vendor would be responsible for installing the new pavers periodically throughout the year at the expense of the BACF.

Dr. Dietter stated the space that they would be working with is a space approximately 13' x 25' and would require a barrier around the space in order to contain the brick inside. There have been discussions regarding the best way to avoid heaving of the pavers due to weather. There will be more discussion and information presented as we continue in the process.

There was a suggestion from John Smith to consult with Tom D'Amato to identify the best suggested paver in the space.

On a motion by John Smith and Seconded by John Lodovico, it was unanimously voted to proceed forward with the patio paver fundraiser as presented by BACF pending approval of the paver.

5. PROJECT MANAGER'S UPDATE

Presented by Timothy Callahan

The finance sub-committee met and reviewed the 35 change orders. There is a credit for \$116,000+. There is \$3,189,000 in contingency and there has been \$62,000 from the owner's contingency. The last payment application was filed and we are awaiting payment on that.

6. ARCHITECT'S UPDATE

Presented by Mike Lane

QA&M continues to work with DDJV working through submittals and RFI's. They are also starting on the documentation for technology/AV that will be bought out for the building and working on FF&E plans and finishes. QA&M continues to work through furniture selection. Will begin to narrow down classroom furniture so samples can be reviewed.

7. CONTRACTOR'S UPDATE

Presented by Frank Tomcak:

Work Completed

- Cast stone veneer at pump house
- Roof drains (academic wing/theater)
- Set mechanical equipment / final ductwork tie-ins (academic wing / theater)
- Prime/paint on 3rd floor substantially complete (academic wing)
- Overhead mech. piping to radiant panels / refrigeration, 3rd & 2nd floor (academic wing)
- Underground plumbing at lower level
- CMU for elevator 2 (theater)
- Temp cooling units (academic wing)
- Roof trusses for new gym (addition)
- Stair 4 stringers (addition)
- Stair 3 CMU (addition)
- Structural steel/decking, 1st/2nd floor (addition)

Work In Progress

- Wall tile in bathrooms, 3rd floor (academic wing)
- Taping drywall on 2nd floor corridor (academic wing)
- Prime / paint, 2ND floor (academic wing)
- Hang drywall on 1st floor (academic wing)
- Balance of steel reinforcement, 1st floor / ground floor (academic wing)
- Framing for drywall / ductwork on ground floor (academic wing)
- Wall framing / new HVAC at theater
- Light gauge exterior framing / sheathing (addition)
- Concrete steps to ball fields

Work to Start

- New windows (academic wing)
- East side wall infill / drainage / final grading (east side courtyard area)
- East portico cast stone replacement / final patching
- Remove / replace roof on existing building
- Acoustical ceiling grid, 3rd floor (academic wing)
- Spray foam ground floor (academic wing)
- Hang drywall, ground floor
- Wall framing at old gym for new choral / band room
- Slab on deck / roof for scenic crafts/mech. room / gym (addition)
- AVB / Cast stone / brick veneer (addition)

Other Critical Items/Milestones

- Procurement of long lead items

On a motion by John Smith and seconded by John Lodovico, it was unanimous to approve the change orders for D’Amato Downes, a Joint Venture, totaling (\$116,750.07) as recommended by the Memorial Boulevard Intradistrict Arts Magnet School Finance Subcommittee and to forward to City Council for approval.

8. CHAIRMAN’S REPORT

Presented by Dr. Dieter

The Office of Teaching and Learning has been exploring collaborations and is expanding and developing within the pathways of the course of study. There will be updates at future community forums. Bristol Parks and Recreation Youth and Community Services has been meeting with the BPS regarding the mutual use agreement for the theater and related facilities. At the Operations Committee, the vision and purpose statement was reviewed and feedback was elicited. The vision statement is in revision. The timeframe for enrollment is in the final stages. As early as October, visits to the elementary schools to provide explanation of MBIAMS will be shared.

9. EXPENDITURE REPORT

- \$24,518,051.11 has been spent
- \$9,209,718.06 has been received from the state
- Continue to apply for payments

Chris Wilson requested to see a detailed expenditure report to the committee

10. SCHOOL NAME DISCUSSION

The subcommittee met and agreed to propose the following names are for the school

- Bristol Arts Magnet School
- Bristol Arts and Innovation Magnet School
- Memorial Boulevard Arts Magnet School

There was discussion about keeping “Memorial Boulevard” in the name while others felt it was appropriate to have “Bristol” in the name because this school is open to all of Bristol students. Innovation in the title is inspiring. The Bristol Arts and Innovation Magnet School is a catchy name and this is a new venture and should have a new name.

On a motion by John Smith and seconded by Chris Wilson, it was unanimously voted to approve the proposed name of Bristol Arts and Innovation Magnet School to be the name of the school.

11. OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS

John Smith gave accolades to DDJV and all the trades for their work at the site. The project is progressing much better than he ever thought it would.

John Lodovico echoed Mr. Smith’s comments and added the project is superior.

Chris Wilson mentioned that although the school was complete in 1921, the school did not open until September of 1922; therefore, the 100-year celebration can be marked when the school opens.

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Dietter at 7:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tara Landon

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Administrative Assistant/Operations

APPROVED