

**BRISTOL BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, MAY 11, 2022**

The Operations Committee met on Wednesday, May 11, 2022 in Room 36 at the BOE and via Zoom online platform.

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

Also Present: Jill Browne, Timothy Callahan, Chris Cassin, Dr. Catherine Carbone, Scott Mitchell, Ryan Scrittorale, Greg Smalley, Larry Webster, and Mike Zuba

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Chair Carlson
Pledge of Allegiance
The meeting norms were reviewed.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

April 13, 2022 REGULAR MEETING

A motion by Commissioner Wilson and seconded by Commissioner Sklenka, was unanimously voted to approve April 13, 2022 regular meeting minutes.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment at this time

4. CHIPPENS HILL UST'S UPDATE

Ryan Scrittorale and Timothy Callahan Presented

The estimate was reviewed. It is \$435,045. Currently the available budget for this project is \$425,000.00. This is for removal of the two existing tanks and to install an aboveground tank that will house both the heating fuel and diesel. The CT DEEP will not accept any waivers at this time.

5. EDGEWOOD ROOF

Timothy Callahan Presented

The drawings and estimate were reviewed. The estimate came in at \$2,854,394. There is an available budget of \$1,306,350. Some of the factors that have put this project over budget are escalation, availability, and manufacturing issues of the products. Due to the amount the project is over budget, it was decided to table the project until next year.

On a motion by Commissioner Sklenka and seconded by Commissioner Wilson, it was unanimously voted to table the Edgewood Roof Project for one year.

6. BCHS & BEHS CULINARY ARTS LAB PROJECT

Timothy Callahan Presented

DRA has been to both sites and has reviewed the existing conditions. They are looking over the mechanical and electrical and are working on the plans for the spaces. There will need to be plumbing, electrical, ventilation, and some structural updates. They will continue to work on the plans and will present an update at the next meeting.

7. TRAFFIC STUDY UPDATE

Timothy Callahan Presented

The costs of upgrading the sites and the plans for the sites were reviewed.

There were minimal upgrades at Hubbell School and the cost is \$163,447.00

South Side School had two options. The option that was not the preferred option had rework in the front and moving the bus exit. The cost for this option was \$557,509.00.

The preferred option at South Side School was to change the bus traffic and have them enter behind the school off route 69. This conceptual option would need to go through P&Z and state DOT for final approvals as well. This option will cost \$608,721.00.

Lastly, Greene-Hills had two options as well. Scheme 1 is the preferred option. In this option there is a double sided lot added as well as reworking the existing spaces. This cost is \$630,596.00.

The second option does not offer the double stack parking and therefore not providing as many parking spaces. The cost for this option is \$589,938.00.

The priority is to correct Greene Hills first, Hubbell second and South Side School last pending the state traffic study.

On a motion by Commissioner Wilson and seconded by Commissioner Sklenka, it was unanimously voted to move forward with Greene-Hills scheme one in the amount of \$630,596.00.

On a motion by Commissioner Wilson and seconded by Commissioner Sklenka, it was unanimously voted to move forward with Hubbell School parking lot upgrades in the amount of \$13,447.00.

On a motion by Commissioner Sklenka and seconded by Commissioner Wilson, it was unanimously voted to move forward with the South Side School, scheme 5 parking lot upgrades, pending the state traffic study in the amount of \$608,721.00.

8. NEMS Project Update

Timothy Callahan Presented

The cost estimate was \$89M which was over from the original estimate of \$75.4M. The committee elected to move forward with the plan to build a new school that is 130,000 sf and will accommodate 748 students. Drawings are being worked on. The city Board of Finance has adopted the \$89M project and will move it to joint board on May 16, 2022. Everything is on schedule and the BoE will apply to the state in mid-June.

9. EDGEWOOD ELEMENTARY REPURPOSING/REDISTRICTING FOR 2023-2024

On June 1, 2021, it was unanimously approved to move forward with the project to build a new. Larger Northeast Middle School and to repurpose Edgewood as a Pre-K building. Phase 1 of the reimagining Bristol includes opening BAIMS, closing Edgewood and repurposing it as a Pre-K, relocate the BECC scholars as well as the PK scholars scattered throughout the district, build a new, larger NEMS, and redistrict PK-8. To continue on the path of Phase 1, this committee will need to review and take action on the redistricting plan.

On a motion by Commissioner Wilson and seconded by Commissioner Sklelnka, it was unanimously voted to approve and accept the attendance boundaries and redistricting plan as recommended by SLR, for students in

grades PK-8, in accordance with the Re-Imagining BPS 2023 Plan which includes repurposing Edgewood School from an elementary school to a Pre-K Academy as of June 30, 2023.

10. BAIMS – JOINT USE AGREEMENT

Presented by Dr. Michael Dietter

Dr. Dietter reviewed the changed to the draft agreement. A copy of the draft agreement is on file in the Facilities Office at the Board of Education for review.

11. BEHS DUGOUT DISCUSSION

The friends of Bristol Eastern Athletics have been raising money for fencing in the outfield. They had raised \$2,438.56 and stopped fund raising once COVID-19 hit. Aldi Fence provided an estimate to build a dugout fence enclosure with no roof. This estimate is \$3,360.00. In addition, Aldi Fence also provided a quote to provide an outfield fence in the amount of \$16,000.00.

On a motion by Commissioner Sklenka and seconded by Commissioner Carlson, it was voted 2-1, to allow the Friends of Bristol Eastern High School Athletics to continue to raise money to complete the fence and dugouts for varsity baseball, jv baseball and varsity softball and to send it to the full board for action.

Commissioner Wilson voted no because he feels they were approved to raise funds for the fence and that has not yet been accomplished. He feels the efforts should not be expanded until they have met their original goal.

12. OLD BUSINESS

None at this time

13. NEW BUSINESS

None at this time

14. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:26 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tara Landon