

Joint Building Committee (JBC) Meeting for City Bonded School Projects

Date: May 18, 2020

Time: 8 AM start

Location: SAU 56 Office Conference Room*

**In accordance with the Governor's Emergency Order #12 pursuant to Executive Order 2020-04, this public body is authorized to meet electronically. The Somersworth School District will be utilizing zoom for this electronic meeting.*

Present: Councilor Marty Pepin (in person), Councilor Marty Dumont (attended remotely), School Board Member Tom McCallion (attended remotely), Facilities Director Karl Ingoldsby (attended remotely), School Board Member Gerri Cannon (attended remotely), Superintendent Robert Gadomski (attended remotely), Assistant Superintendent Lori Lane (in person), Business Administrator Katie Krauss (attended remotely), Brian Gehris and David Baer from Milestone Construction (attended remotely), Cris Salomon from Samyn-D'Elia Architects (attended remotely), and Maple Wood Principal Devin McNelly (attended remotely).

Pepin called the meeting to order at 8:10 AM. A motion to accept the meeting minutes from the April 27, 2020 JBC meeting was made by McCallion. Seconded by Dumont. VOTE: Motion passed, unanimously.

Project Update – Maple Wood School Project, Phase 2:

Gehris gave updates on the Maple Wood project. The clean out of the kitchen has been completed and the work in that area continues. The foundation for the music room has been backfilled and all of the utilities are in. Steel is on its way this week. Baer said that it would start arriving today. He was heading to the site after the JBC meeting finished for the steel delivery. He estimates that they are a week ahead of schedule from where they originally thought they would be at this point.

Salomon said that the submittals are being processed. The final design meetings will be scheduled at the end of May with both the music teachers and the librarian to review the case work for both spaces. There will also be discussion about the storage room for the music room so that it can be customized to meet the program's needs. The music teacher is willing to come into school to have the meeting in person. The librarian is currently out of the area so that meeting will be done remotely.

Salomon discussed the option to put ultra violet light filtering in the existing ductwork as well as in the new unit for the music room. He has been in discussion with Mike Davey from Energy Efficiency Investments (EEI) about this possibility as EEI was the subcontractor who installed the new HVAC system at the school last summer as part of Phase 1 on the project. UV light is known for its bacteria and germ eradicating qualities. With the current health pandemic, this is being considered as an option as a part of the cleaning and disinfection plan for the school buildings. Baer asked how many units there were at the school. Salomon confirmed that there will be four when the music room addition is finished. He said that the estimated cost for this is approximately \$10,000 per unit but that the music room unit will be smaller and will likely be less expensive. McNelly asked about the one classroom that could not be tied into the ducted system last summer. What is the air purification solution for that room? Gadomski asked if an air purifier might be a solution for that classroom; perhaps something similar to what the Rollinsford School Board just approved to put in their classrooms because they do not have a

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ventilation system in their building. This is something that could be considered.

McCallion asked about ductwork cleaning. Dumont asked if this was part of the district's regular maintenance plan. Ingoldsby said that this is being recommended by the NH DOE but is unsure when the last time the ductwork in any of the schools was thoroughly cleaned because he's not found any records of it ever being done. He said that the DOE is recommended that this kind of extensive cleaning be done every five years. It is expensive and could cost at least \$100,000 to clean all of the units in the district. Lane said that in talking with EEI about this, there are challenges because not all of the ductwork is accessible because of how it is installed. Therefore, there are some areas that will never be cleaned. Salomon talked about the success that the Plymouth School District has had with UV filters which is reported to have dropped their staff and student absenteeism by 60%. Gadomski asked how many years of data went into compiling that figure. Salomon said that it was only one so there may be a number of unrelated factors that contributed to these results. Dumont stressed that air filtration is very important and that we should continue to look for the right solution. Lane said that she sees whatever we do as part of an overall plan for building maintenance particularly as we look to come back from the health pandemic. More information will be coming from EEI regarding the UV filtering option so that we can bring it to the JBC for further consideration. Dumont as if the air quality is tested. McNelly said that there is an indoor air quality survey that is submitted each year. Ingoldsby said that although this is true, there is no actual air quality testing done as part of this survey.

Budget Update – Maple Wood Project, Phase 2:

Lane said that the first building aid check arrived about two weeks ago. We have received some invoices from Samyn-D'Elia and have some small bills for various testing that needs to be done. She reiterated that we need to spend up to, no more and no less of the amount of the first building aid payment as this was added as a supplemental appropriation to the 2019-2020 school budget. Gehris suggested that Lane said Milestone an email with the amount that can be spent by Milestone between now and June 30 so that the invoicing can be done accordingly. Lane said that she will work with Krauss to create this email.

Project and Budget Update - SMS Elevator Project:

Salomon said they are working through the details to create the best solution for the foundation because they hit water about five feet below the surface. The water presents a unique situation but is doable and has been done before. There will need to be water proofing done and additional excavation to install the foundation. He also said that the ceiling bar joist needed to be shored up, but this should not cause concern.

Gehris said that sub walk-through would be later this morning. Bids are due next week. Once the budget is finished, the GMP will be presented to the JBC for approval then construction can get started. Dumont asked about the budget for the project and if there was any concern that it would be exceeded because of what has been found? Salomon said that much of this was anticipated but that the full amount of the bond will likely be needed. Baer said that he anticipates that there will be additional

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demolition work, but we will see how that impacts the overall cost. He asked if the construction start date at the middle school was still June 8. Lane said yes, assuming that the GMP has been approved by the JBC.

The next meeting was set for Thursday, June 4th at 8 AM at Mulligan's Grill. Dumont would like to try to have an in-person meeting. Lane will also set up a video conferencing call for those who are more comfortable with that format or if it is more convenient. Along with project and budget updates, the focus of this meeting will be to approve the proposed GMP for the elevator project.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Dumont, seconded by McCallion to adjourn. VOTE: motion passed, unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

*Lori Lane
Assistant Superintendent*