

**NORTHEAST METROPOLITAN REGIONAL VOCATIONAL SCHOOL  
DISTRICT SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

School Building Committee Meeting  
5:35 P.M.  
[IN PERSON/VIRTUAL]

November 10, 2021

**I.     CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Theodore Nickole called the School Building Committee Meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. within the library.

Present

Theodore Nickole  
David DiBarri  
Deborah Davis  
Judith Dymment  
Joseph Capraro-  
Patricia Cronin  
Peter A. Rossetti  
James J. Holland  
Anthony Caggiano  
Michael T. Wall-  
Ward A. Hamilton  
Robert S. McCarthy  
James Picone  
Brant Snyder-  
Larry Means  
Melissa Jannino-Elam  
Joseph Papagni  
Patricia Dulong

Absent

Brittany Carisella  
Robert O'Dwyer  
Stephen Maio

Others Present

Kevin Nigro  
Joseph DeSantis  
Carl Franceschi  
Vladimir Lyubetsky  
Charlie Lyons

PMA Consultants, LLC  
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DRA Architects  
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Chairman Nickole opened the meeting and welcomed all.

II. Prior Meeting Minutes-August 19, 2021-Discussion and Vote to Approve –

**MOTION:** Ms. Davis moved the Building Committee approve the August 19, 2021, Minutes of the Building Committee Meeting, as presented.

Ms. Dymont seconded the motion,  
By unanimous voice vote.

and the motion carried

**SO ORDERED**

Chairman Nickole passed the floor to PMA and DRA for informing on updates and full presentation.

III. Discussion Topics

OPM Update: PMA/DRA

- 1.) PMA to present –
  - A.) Budget Update
  - B.) Schedule Update
  - C.) MSBA Update

**Mr. Kevin Nigro**, PMA took the floor and gave a quick synopsis of the Budget update/Schematic Design update regarding how much has been spent up to date on architecture and OPM fees=\$152,000. remaining balance. OPM and architect fees=\$1.7 mil dollars of which has already been reimbursed by the MSBA. All is looking great on the budgetary/contract-wise standpoint.

Mr. Nigro continued to inform **MODULE #5**>12/23/21 is MSBA deadline for district to secure project funding. FYI, we are allowed to ask MSBA and request additional time for an extension. (This has happened on past projects and has been granted-there is a process.) Mr. Nickole and Supt. DiBarri are already working on this.

Details were specified.

Much work preceded the process of the Community votes from all, Mr. Nigro importantly stated; Supt. DiBarri, Mr. Nickole, Ms. Scuzzarella, Mr. Picone, Mr. Lyons and the whole team PMA & DRA-have been out meeting with City Councils, FinComs, etc.

Status of votes= North Reading=yes, Reading=yes, Stoneham=yes, Wakefield=yes, Woburn=yes, Winthrop=yes, [Malden/Melrose/Revere/Winchester-took no action which =yes], Chelsea=no, Saugus=no.

Provision that was followed for local funding=16D [Approved or not] and then 16N=Election [Popular Vote].

Mr. Nigro concluded by informing next week on Friday 11/19/21—Supt. DiBarri and Mr. Picone have set up a breakfast @ Breakheart Restaurant for all Communities and their Clerks to determine/affirm Municipal Vote (date/time/location/cost/etc.).

Of special note, Mr. Charlie Lyons took the floor and extended details regarding the Clerks running the election (District School Committee picks-date and time TBD-will be no later than the end of January). Election has to be 'called by December 9<sup>th</sup>' (to ensure 35 days prior for appropriate and proper notification).

**Mr. Carl Franceschi, DRA** -- Reported and gave a synopsis in regard to what has been going on the past few weeks; Next steps—waiting for project approval and authorization to move forward to next stage Project development/design. Details: Building systems and materials- Wakefield has asked us to look at heat system/fuel, etc as they provide electricity/water--costs estimates have been done previously and we will review.

Meet with staff again; Administration, key personnel/Building Committee, particularly the shop instructor's input.

Future Community Outreach/input-will continue-of utmost importance.

Building Committee needs to create Subcommittees to come—looking for some to be put together for the buildings various stages of completion, i.e. A.) Community Outreach, B.) Colors & Finishes, C.) Site landscaping & layout, D.) Furniture & Equipment, E.) Sustainability & Energy conservation, and any other that would help categorize decisions forthcoming on project. Mr. Franceschi reminded that the design and layout for building remain essentially the same and reiterated once again that some type of 'Community Representation' will be in the foyer/complete wall art.

**Floor was opened for discussion:**

Supt. DiBarri asked that if anyone has any more questions, thoughts and/or ideas to please be forthcoming.

Mr. Nickole informed that he has seen great support from Communities and is so very thrilled and excited for things to come.

Ms. Dymont importantly noted regarding the Open House that it was the most ever attended in history!

Mr. DeSantis also informed that at the Open House all Public Links regarding the Northeast Building Project were shared, as well as Mr. Franceschi did a great job of getting awareness out by displaying the New Building Project information and plans, etc.

Ms. Davis also noted that she was so proud at the Woburn City Council meeting Mr. Nigro attended as well as Mr. Picone; and Mayor Galvin was so supportive at the meeting. Ms. Davis informed that she has no doubt that we will have complete success with a general election.

**D.) Community Outreach**

Superintendent DiBarri informed to keep in mind that "Community outreach and involvement is still of most utmost importance." Also noting that we still have time to change the mind of any Community with any doubt-we still have the next 60 days for convincing.

IV. New Business-None

V. Public Comment Period-None

VI. Schedule Next Meeting

Will be held monthly prior to Regular School Committee Meeting the second Thursday every month at 5:30 pm-6:30 pm. Of note, there may be a need to schedule sooner as things progress TBD.

VII. Vote to Adjourn

**MOTION:** Ms. Dymont moved the School Building Committee meeting adjourn.

Ms. Davis the motion,

and the motion carried

By unanimous voice vote.

**SO ORDERED**

Chairman Nickole thanked all for attendance and input.

#### CONCLUSION OF SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE

The Building Committee concluded @ 6:45 p.m.

Notes recorded and submitted by Recording Secretary Patricia E. Dulong.