

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

School Building Committee Meeting  
7:00 P.M.  
[VIRTUAL]

January 20, 2022

**I.     CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Theodore Nickole called the School Building Committee Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom.

Present

Theodore Nickole  
David DiBarri  
Peter A. Rossetti  
James J. Holland  
Joseph Capraro  
Patricia Cronin  
Brant Snyder  
Anthony Caggiano  
Ward A. Hamilton  
James Picone  
Larry Means  
Melissa Jannino-Elam  
Joseph Papagni  
Patricia Dulong

Absent

Carla Scuzzarella  
Stephen Maio  
Deborah Davis  
Judith Dymment  
Brittany Carisella  
Michael T. Wall  
Robert S. McCarthy  
Robert O'Dwyer

Others Present

Kevin Nigro  
Joseph DeSantis  
Anthony LoPresti  
Carl Franceschi  
Vladimir Lyubetsky

PMA Consultants, LLC  
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DRA Architects  
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Chairman Nickole opened the meeting and welcomed all. Expressed a few words of how pleased he has been with all of the School Building Committee members, a sincere ‘thank you’ was extended.

II. Prior Meeting Minutes - Discussion and Vote to Approve December 22, 2021 Meeting Minutes –

**MOTION:** Ms. Dymont moved the Building Committee approve the December 22, 2021, Minutes of the Building Committee Meeting, as presented.

Mr. Rossetti seconded the motion,  
By unanimous voice vote.

and the motion carried

**SO ORDERED**

III. Discussion Topics  
A.) District Popular Vote Update

Chairman Nickole passed the floor to Mr. Anthony LoPresti who informed that there has been quite a few Public Presentations/Community Information Sessions, one of which was held by zoom last night. Mr. LoPresti then passed the floor to Mr. Joe DeSantis, PMA for the review of the presentation and update.

**Mr. Joe DeSantis**—Informed and gave a complete synopsis of last night’s Public Forum Zoom Presentation (3<sup>rd</sup> one that has been done on the past three Wednesday nights) which included Project Background & Common Online Questions, Cost/MSBA Grant Information, Chapter 70 Assessments, and Voting Information.

Details and specifics were all covered and can be found on the New School Building Website @

<http://northeastbuildingproject.com>

**Building Committee/Meeting Presentations**

Many highlights were informed on including the overall project schedule as follows:

- 08/25/21-MSBA BOD Meeting
- 01/25/22-Popular Municipal Vote to Occur
- May/June ’22-Submit DD Package to MSBA
- Jan/Feb ’23-Submit 60% CD Package to MSBA
- May ’23-Submit 90% CD Package to MSBA
- Aug ’23 (targeted)-Submit 100% CD’s to MSBA
- 2025-2026 School Year-NEW SCHOOL OPENS
- Late 2026-Abate/Demolish Existing School, Construct Athletic Fields/Final Parking

Cost of Construction details may be found @  
<http://info.massschoolbuildings.org/TabPub/TableauCostData.aspx>

Important specifics on Voting Information were as follows:

#### YES VOTE

- 1.) Accepts \$140.8M in funding assistance from the MA School Building Authority
- 2.) District share is \$176.6M (each City/Town pays same amount per student enrolled)
- 3.) Adds 3 new programs and increases enrollment 25%
- 4.) Construction complete in 2026, minimal disruption to school operations

#### NO VOTE

- 1.) Declines \$140.8M in grants
- 2.) May cost District~\$130M+ for immediate building code and accessibility upgrades (likely no MSBA funding assistance)
- 3.) No new programs or increased enrollment
- 4.) Construction complete~2031, construction occurs in active school

#### **EVERY VOTE COUNTS!**

Election will be held January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022 from 11am-6pm in each of the twelve Communities. A list of where the polling stations within each Community can be found @  
<http://northeastbuildingproject.com/voting-locations/>

**Mr. Anthony LoPresti, PMA** opened floor for open discussion. Many questions were fielded, and specifics were clarified.

Voting Signs distribution was informed on. There is only about 30 signs made for a total of 15 polling locations.

Superintendent DiBarri again reiterated to keep getting the word out and noted if anyone has any problem ‘manning polling locations’ to please contact him.

Mr. Nickole also noted to please contact him as well if needing any other coverage at polling locations.

Mr. Nigro extended a thank you to all involved for getting everything this far. We have been received very well. They have put together a personal email with all ‘factual information’ to share on each of their own Contact lists. Blasting this out on email and text will keep spreading awareness of this important vote. This will be passed to anyone interested in sharing.

Mr. LoPresti noted as well, that if anyone has any questions PMA will be available all weekend.

A virtual reality video was created of a fly-through and shown to all which starts at the new Farm Street entrance and covers full site of the new School Building and its grounds.

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. Cronin moved the School Building Committee meeting adjourn.

Mr. Rossetti seconded the motion,  
By unanimous voice vote.

and the motion carried

**SO ORDERED**

Chairman Nickole thanked all for their attendance and input.

#### CONCLUSION OF SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE MEETING

The Building Committee concluded @ 7:35 p.m.

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