

New Elementary School Building Committee

Tuesday, June 20, 2023 at 5:30 PM

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VIRTUAL MEETING INFORMATION

REGULAR MEETING

1. Attendance

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Graham Curtis, Bob Blundon, Woodie Weiss, George Noewatne, Sharon Shoemaker, Tina Szejewski,

MEMBERS ABSENT: Diana Colcord, Amanda Mitchell,

OTHERS PRESENT: Adam Levitus, Owner's Representative Project Manager (OPM) from Colliers Project Leader; William McMinn, Director of Facilities; Justin Hopkins and Antonia Ciaverella from Tecton Architect; Nick Conti from Gilbane

2. Call to Order

Chairman Curtis called the meeting to order at 5:35pm.

3. Public comments

None.

4. Approval of minutes: June 5, 2023

Building Committee member Woodie Weiss made the motion to approve the June 5, 2023 minutes as submitted. Seconded by Building Committee member George Noewatne and unanimously approved.

5. Architect's Update

a. View of building aesthetics

Justin Hopkins and Antonia Ciaverella from Tecton Architects gave a brief project recap of the design development which included details of the site, interior & exterior development and canopy options. Justin Hopkins states the design schedule is on target to be completed at the end of summer with approval from the local authorities and other third parties. He further states the design is reflective of the community while ensuring the site design is both functional, educational and technical, this was done with the efforts of working group meetings, surveys, independent meetings and virtual and in-person events.

Antonia states with the community workshops, community surveys and student activity workbooks from the district, they were able to gather information for the design and some of the key highlights were safety and security, sustainability and making sure they are future focused, bringing in the outdoors, and incorporating important things like natural daylight, but also fiscal responsibility. They've incorporated neighborhood themes to give the students a place of identity within their individual communities. The themes that we've developed are the dunes, the Greenway, the shore, and the water which was shown for the SBC and how the areas are reflected in the plan.

Justin further reviewed the site plan and states all of the major mechanical equipment are inside of the building in order to accommodate photovoltaic arrays on the roof. He states the natural 4 elements were blended to connect the local Madison community to nature and place within the specific building.

As for the canopy, one of the conditions of ACCA's recommendation was to bring back the vertical element at the canopy. Specifically, the sloped canopy. The new design attempted to fit with the ACCA recommendation while revising the design to align with recommendations from the SBC, including having a better fit with the community aesthetic. After reviewing the design, Building Committee member Sharon Shoemaker states it's a much better look, she supports the extended canopy as it would bring more attention to the entrance of the building. There was also discussion regarding the overall elevations of the building. Building Committee member Sharon Shoemaker indicated that the Mungertown road elevation has some issues with proportions, and Committee member George Nowatne further suggested that the façade be more understated. Committee member Bob Blunden suggested that the Mungertown road elevation would mostly be seen by the younger students, so some color was good. However, Mr. Blunden also reiterated the desire to have some additional façade components at the north elevation where students will first see the building via the bus drop off. The committee generally agreed that the east façade looked good. The direction from the committee was to simplify the street-facing façade of the building and agreed with Tecton's recommendation to have the canopy design be translated to the other entrance canopies for the building.

Building committee member Sharon further adds that even though she likes the interior colors that were chosen; for the 'dunes' a darker shade of green is preferred and not the golden green that was shown. All members agreed.

After discussions, it was noted that the color palette for the exterior would remain a red brick color as recommended by ACCA.

6. Construction Manager's Update

Per Nick Conti, they are continuing to coordinate with Tecton Architects and consultants and work out how best to buy the early package equipment.

7. OPM Update

a. Potential vote to proceed to CD phase

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Adam Levitus reviewed the meeting schedule for the month of July – next meeting will be held on July 3rd as published. The focus for next month is the follow-up meetings with the inland wetlands' agency and the planning and zoning commission to receive approvals and ultimately get a final package for early procurement.

Chair Curtis states the BOS voted to authorize additional funds for the school project. This is also pending approval from the BOF. He further states the Town also received an increased reimbursement rate from the State. However, this does not increase the project budget, but will reduce the amount taxpayers pay for the building by several million dollars.

8. Review and Approval of Invoice Packet

Building Committee member Sharon Shoemaker made the motion to approve invoice packet dated 06/20/2023 including invoices from Colliers for a total Approval of \$13,026.00. Seconded by Building Committee member George Noewatne and unanimously approved.

9. Public Comments

None.

REMARKS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Building Committee member Sharon Shoemaker made the motion to adjourn at 6:42pm; seconded by Building Committee member Woodie Weiss and unanimously approved.