

**Town of Millbury
R.E. Shaw School Feasibility Committee
Regular Session Meeting - 22
Minutes**

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Date: June 25, 2019

Present: Mr. Plante, Chairperson, Mrs. Nietupski, Vice Chairperson, Mr. Myers, Superintendent, Mr. Tarka, Mrs. Friedman, Mr. Despres, Mr. Tuccio, Mrs. Boulanger, Ms. Ryan, Mrs. Teixeira, Mr. Pine, Mrs. Decatur, Mr. Kuphal, Mr. O'Connor, Mr. Bedard, Business Manager

Hill International: Mr. Billings, Mr. Naughton
T2: Mr. Turowski, Mrs. Turowski

Absent: Mr. Marciello, Town Manager, Mr. Decatur, Mr. Wiltshire, Mr. Halacy

Time: 6:00 pm

Location: Millbury Jr. /Sr. High School Media Center

- **Call to Order**

Mr. Plante brought the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

- **Approval of Minutes from the June 19, 2019 meeting**

Mrs. Friedman made a motion to approved the minutes from the June 19, 2019 meeting, seconded by Mr. Tuccio. All approved.

- **Old Business**

- a. **Review Total Project Budget**

Mr. Billings stated that after incorporating all the changes and the total project budget is \$60,922,761.

Mr. Billings stated that the Value Engineering (VE) VE-1 wetland board walk and VE-2 field irrigation was deducted in the budget, VE-3 to delete automatic vehicular gate was not accepted and remained in the budget. VE-4 to change overhead operable door to storefront door resulted in a \$12,000 deduction in the budget as only one garage door was removed. VE-5- to change student lockers to from plastic to metal was not accepted. VE-6 to delete mass notification was not accepted. VE-7 to delete planters and benches at rooftop classroom was not accepted. VE-8 to reduce the building area by 1,200 square feet was not accepted.

Mr. Billings stated that there are 3 alternates outside the budget. Alternate 1 is 81KW Rooftop Photovoltaic for \$293,544, the second alternate is sports lighting at turf field for \$543,600 and the third alternate is a toilet facility at fields for \$316,587. The alternates total \$1,153,731. Mr. Billings stated that the other alternates are the rainwater irrigation which was not accepted, artificial turf baseball field was put into the budget and included in the site budget, expansion of the gym was put into the budget, the maintenance shed and the solar canopies was not accepted and to repave the entrance driveway was put into the budget. Mr. Billings stated that the total construction costs with adjustments is \$49,269,791. He stated that these numbers have been calculated

into an MSBA spreadsheet. He stated that the ineligible costs total \$18,210 596. Mr. Billings stated that the anticipated MSBA share totals \$24,546,184 and the town's share is between 35.9 and 36.3 million.

Mr. Plante stated that there is a lot of discussion on Facebook regarding the project. The overall sentiment is that this Committee has added many extras and has driven the cost up and felt that more of the money should be spent on education than on sports.

A discussion took place regarding changing the wording of turf baseball field to turf sports complex as more than one field will be installed. It was stated that these fields would be used for town sport's along with high school sports and that this space will benefit the entire town.

Mr. Bedard made a motion that the School Building Committee vote to approve the Total Project Budget of \$60,922,761 and authorize the submission of the Schematic Design for the New Shaw Elementary School Project to the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA), seconded by Ms. Ryan. All approved.

A discussion took place regarding numbering the alternates. Mr. Billings stated that if after the Committee votes to prioritize the alternates they could be changed at a later date if the community prefers a different priority. The Committee discussed the cost of the bathroom facility. Mrs. Nietupski stated that if the high school athletic fields update is accepted that the Building Committee could change the sport's complex field back to a grass field. Mrs. Nietupski made a motion to keep alternate #1 the same, but to change alternate #2 lighting to alternate #3 and to change alternate #3-bathroom facility to alternate #2. Mr. Tarka seconded the motion. All approved.

Mr. Bedard stated that interior and exterior renderings of the new Shaw School has been added to the website.

Mr. Myers stated that Northbridge Public Schools has a video with a voice over explaining the reasoning for decisions made during the construction of a new school. He stated that it would be far more effective to use social media to get the word out to the community than for public forums.

- **New Business**

- a. **Outreach Program Update**

- Nothing to report.

- b. **Tax Implication**

- Mr. Bedard stated that he has spoken with Mr. Vanni, Finance Director for the Town, and he has plugged in \$35,919,780 to determine the tax implications. Mr. Bedard stated that there are two ways to finance the new school. He stated that for a 30-year mortgage with an interest rate of 3.75% a level pay which is the same kind of payment as people make on their home loans. Mr. Bedard stated the other option is a level principal payment in which the interest is larger in the beginning of the loan and the payments are lower towards the end of the loan. This is a decision that the Town will make. Mr. Bedard stated that to borrow 35 million over 30 years would mean the town would be obligated to pay 2 million a year. He stated that the tax increase per household would be \$1.21 per thousand a year. Mr. Bedard stated that some project will be coming off the books for approximately \$820,000 per year.

Mr. Plante suggested to invite the Finance Committee to the meeting on July 23rd so that they can see the presentation. Mr. Bedard suggested that the meeting take place at the high school media center. Mr. Plante suggested the entire Building Committee attend the meeting on July 23rd. A Building Committee meeting will take place on July 23rd at 6:30pm.

- **Public Comment** – There was no public comment.
- **Next Meeting** - Tuesday, July 23 at 6:00pm Millbury Jr./Sr. High School Media Center
Tuesday, July 23 at 7:00pm Board of Selectman MHS Media Center
- **Adjournment** – Mr. Tarka made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ms. Ryan. All approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Freitas

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Executive Assistant to the Superintendent

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Susan Luyken". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name and title.

Approved:

R. Bedadfi.

Susan Luyken

Paul Halasz

Ann M7

[Signature]

Neil R

Mark J. Kear

Mr. Sun

Scott Berger

John B. McIntosh
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George Meyer

Email Attachments:

Minutes from June 25, 2019

Agenda

T2 Invoice #10

Hill International Invoice #15