

Memorial Boulevard Intradistrict
Arts Magnet School Committee
Regular Meeting February 25, 2021

Present: Dr. Michael Dietter, Cheryl Assis, Lori Eschner, John Lodovico, David Preleski, Frank Stawski, and Chris Wilson

Also Present: Angela Cahill, Tim Callahan, Dr. Catherine Carbone (arr. 6:55 p.m.), Ed D'Amato Jr., Tom D'Amato, Michael Lane, Roger Rousseau, and Frank Tomcak

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chair Dietter.

Review of the meeting Norms:

All participants will actively participate, engage in the work of the meeting, and have equal voice and airtime.

Assume positive intentions by respecting and honoring the diversity of opinions, beliefs, and perspectives.

Cultivate trust by being honest and focusing on ideas, practices, and the work... not people.

Norms will be upheld during all meetings and in all interactions of the formal meetings.

**John Smith will not be in attendance due to another commitment at City Hall

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by John Lodovico and seconded by Frank Stawski, it was voted to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on January 28, 2021.

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation at this time.

4. PROJECT MANAGER'S UPDATE

Tim Callahan presented:

- Things are moving along at the site.
- DDJV worked hard to get the first state change order signed and ready to go. There is a 6-month deadline and they are well within that time frame.

- An overview of the change orders shows approximately \$150,000 of the contingency has been used and approximately \$350,000 of the allowances within the GMP has been used.
- The project is well under budget; there is just under 4 million available in contingency and of that, \$150,000 has been used.
- There is preliminary good news on the windows.
- Received a note from DAS that a payment is on its way from the last payment request to the state. This is the eighth payment on the project.

5. ARCHITECT'S UPDATE

Angela Cahill presented:

- The architect is requesting a vote for the clock/seal placement at the March meeting.
 - The renderings shared showed the clock/theater on the side wall in the theater or in a case in the lobby
- Looking to solidify some decisions in regards to Minerva and the other artifacts – This is not an immediate need, but the architects are ready to interface with whomever the go to person is.
 - Dr. Dietter discussed with John Smith regarding this and it was deemed that there will be a workgroup created. This will not be under the purview of the building committee. This workgroup will be identified by the Superintendent's office that will take the charge of determining the criteria of what artifacts will go into the building.
- The FF&E process is moving along. There are some walls getting framed on the third floor.
- The mentoring program has kicked off. QA&M has coordinated with Dr. Jaime Rechenberg in identifying four mentoring programs.
 - High School co-op work experience program (exchange for credit vs. pay) This will also happen next spring with a new group of students.
 - There also is a program for younger high school and middle school students. The students can come onto the site to learn about the many design disciplines.
 - Interface with elementary school age children – Will work virtually or in the classroom with them and give a general overview of design and construction.
- John Lodovico thinks the mentoring program is a great positive and thinks there should be press on it.
 - Dr. Dietter responded – That is in progress. They are working on preparing something.

6. CONSTRUCTION MANAGER UPDATE

Frank Tomcak Presented:

• **Work Completed**

- Openings in Existing Slabs for the new elevator shafts
- Lead abatement in stairwells (stair 3 & 7)
- Elevator car demo including abatement of shaft
- CMU infills in corridors on 3rd floor
- Wall layout 3rd & 2nd floor
- New masonry openings on 3rd & 2nd floor
- Overhead concrete beam repairs on 3rd, 2nd, 1st (academic wing)
- Lightweight concrete floor infills 3rd, 2nd, 1st
- Excavation for elevator #1 (academic wing)

• **Work in Progress**

- Light gauge framing, 3rd & 2nd floor
- Wall layout 1st floor, installing wall track
- Create openings in masonry walls on 2nd floor interior
- Enlarge openings in exterior masonry for new windows / doors
- Cast stone re-work at porticos on east side (weather permitting)
- Footings/foundation for new addition (up to gym addition wall)
- Storm drainage at north / northwest parking lot (weather permitting)
- Demo & abatement punch-list items
- Overhead concrete repairs on ground floor
- Interior cream colored brick infills, 3rd floor
- Electrical rough-in

• **Work to Start**

- Load bearing masonry for addition
- Frame & sheetrock tops of masonry walls to deck, 3rd floor
- Elevator shaft (elevator #1)
- Ductwork installation 3rd floor
- Plumbing rough-in
- Fire protection rough-in
- Prep for new parking lot and bus loop
- Ground breaking/ phase 2 kickoff ceremony (Spring 21')

• **Other Critical Items/Milestones**

- Procurement of long lead items
- Window removal & replacement
- COVID-19 update

On a motion by Frank Stawski and seconded John Lodovico it was unanimously voted to approve a change order in the amount of \$24,204.59 for D'Amato Downes, A Joint Venture and to send it to City Council for any action necessary.

- Roger Rousseau wanted to point out that PCO #36 was discussed during the subcommittee meeting and this PCO is drawing down from the window allowance. The CM feels this will not impact the ability to get the windows done.
 - Dr. Dieter followed up that there are assurances based on the preliminary numbers that the committee will be able to move forward with the window package. There may be a need to have a special meeting in the next week to review the package once the numbers are vetted.

7. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Dr. Michael Dieter Presented:

- Workgroups are forming for the various instructional areas for the FF&E meetings.
- A workgroup will be identified by the BOE that will be charged with identifying the criteria for inclusion of any artifacts that will be going into the school. It appears that the lower entrance area is the primary focus at this point for many of these items.
- Members of the BOE have begun to look at the process of the lottery enrollment.
- Dr. Dieter has met with the Theater Taskforce chair and will continue to meet with them. The next meeting is March 4.
- The lighting fixture committee has directed the lighting engineer at QA&M to continue on the path of modernization of the internal components of the theater light and restoration of the external features. There is a high level of confidence that the original color was gold. A source is being sought out to replicate the smoked milk glass that fills each space in the fixture. The lighting consultant will be meeting with the subcommittee within the next couple of weeks to discuss the modernization of the internal features and the LED component.
- The project has its first podcast that has been posted to the Bristol Press website.
- There will be a need for a special meeting to discuss the long lead items.
- A community forum is being planned for the end of March.

8. EXPENDITURE REPORT

Timothy Callahan Presented

- The expenditure report is on file in the Facilities Office at the BOE central office.
- \$11,316,180.19 has been spent.
- \$3,990,011 has been received to date from the state.
- The last payment request was approved and the payment should be received soon.

9. OLD BUSINESS

There is no old business at this time.

10. NEW BUSINESS

John Lodovico stated there were many positive information at tonight's meeting and this project is moving along.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Dietter at 7:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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APPROVED