

Memorial Boulevard Intradistrict  
Arts Magnet School Committee  
Special Meeting March 25, 2021

Present: Dr. Michael Dietter, Cheryl Assis, Lori Eschner, John Lodovico, Stephan Masotti, John Smith, Frank Stawski, and Chris Wilson

Also Present: Jill Browne, Angela Cahill, Tim Callahan, Dr. Catherine Carbone, 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 7:45 p.m. by Chair Dietter.  
Reviewed the meeting norms

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**On a motion by John Lodovico and seconded Frank Stawski, it was unanimously voted to approve the minutes from the February 25, 2021 regular meeting.**

**On a motion by John Smith and seconded by Lori Eschner, it was unanimously voted to approve the minutes from the March 11, 2021 special meeting.**

**3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

*Christine Robiinson, via email - Like many Bristol residents I am excited on the progress of this new school. As a parent with a child entering 6th grade in the Fall, I want to know where I can find more information on what the enrollment process will look like, lottery selection or open to all residents etc, what is the projected opening date for the school? I checked the city of Bristol website but can only find meeting minutes and documents on building plans. Any information would be greatly appreciated.*

Dr. Dietter encouraged Ms. Robinson to join in the community forum that was help prior to this meeting and directed her to the area within the Bristol Board of Education website to find additional information.

**4. PROJECT MANAGER'S UPDATE**

**Presented by Tim Callahan**

- Just under \$200,000 has been spent from contingency and there is still approximately \$3.3 million left
- No longer heating the building
- Sheetrock and framing is going in
- The project is under budget and moving along according to the schedule

**5. ARCHITECT'S UPDATE**

**Presented by Angela Cahill**

- Everything is going smoothly, there is nothing specific to report

## 6. CONTRACTOR'S UPDATE

Presented by Frank Tomcak:

### Work Completed

- Light gauge framing, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> floor (substantially complete)
- Frame & sheetrock tops of masonry walls to deck, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor
- CMU and cream colored brick infills on 3<sup>rd</sup> floor and 2<sup>nd</sup> floor
- Prep / placement for elevator #1 pit
- Overhead concrete beams repairs at ground level, lower level (1 room only left to do)
- Lightweight concrete floor infill at ground floor
- New HVAC openings in masonry on 3<sup>rd</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> floor
- Electrical rough-in, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> floor (substantially complete)
- Enlarged window opening along east elevation (main entry)
- Load bearing footing at lower level for addition
- Footing / foundation up to southwest corner for addition

### Work in Progress

- Light gauge framing, 1<sup>st</sup> floor, wall layout only at ground floor
- Cast stone repair/restoration at porticos on east side
- Prep/placement of footing/foundation wall for rubble wall replacement
- Site demo / drainage at north parking lot
- Clean demo & punch-list items
- MEP rough-in on 3<sup>rd</sup> floor (ductwork, Plumbing, fire suppression)
- MEP rough-in on 2<sup>nd</sup> floor (ductwork, fire suppression)
- Load bearing masonry for addition
- Excavate / prep for elevator #2 pit
- Framing tops of walls, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor
- Steel reinforcement for mechanical equipment, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor
- Exterior masonry wash down on east, south, west, north
- Window abatement

### Work to Start

- Milling pavement for new parking lot / bus loop (north & east)
- Window removal / Temp protection at existing window openings
- Concrete slab on grade for addition (costume shop, lower level)
- Structural steel for addition
- Continue framing, MEP rough-in, 1<sup>st</sup> floor
- Topping off 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 by John Lodovico, it was unanimous to approve the change orders for D'Amato Downes, a Joint Venture, totaling \$14,115.34 as recommended by the Memorial Boulevard Intradistrict Arts Magnet School Finance Subcommittee and to forward to City Council for approval.**

**7. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Dr. Dietter thanked all that were involved in the preparation and presentation of the community forum. In addition, Dr. Dietter stated he is impressed with how things are coming together and the reach the BPS will have for pulling talent and expertise to this location which will be a benefit to the Bristol students.

**8. EXPENDITURE REPORT**

- \$13,102,094.90 has been spent
- \$3,990,011 has been received by the state
- The last payment request was approved – Once the state makes the payment, our next application for payment will be requested

**9. OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS**

- John Smith forwarded a picture of the light fixture mock up to be assessed in how it will get into the building
- Lori Eschner stated the community forum was a beautiful presentation. She wants to point out that sometimes “gold” can show like yellow. If the colors end up being black and gold, it is important to see the material and know if it shows gold or goldenrod, more of a yellow color.
- If you want to walk through the building, coordinate with Dr. Dietter. They like to do walk-throughs on Wednesdays before the trailer meetings.

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Dietter at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**Tara Landon**

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Administrative Assistant/Operations