

March 29, 2023  
School Building Committee

A meeting of the School Building Committee was held on Wednesday, March 29, 2023 at 5:30 pm at City Hall, Room 201.

Members present by roll call:

	<u>Present</u>
Mayor Michael McCabe	X
Stefan Czaporowski	absent
Shannon Barry	X
Bryan Forrette	X
Chris Carey	X
Mike Tirrell	X
Ralph Figy	absent
Lisa Benoit	absent
Erika Masciadrelli	X
Shelly Hazlett	absent
Bridget Matthews-Kane	X
Bill Parks	X
Brian Sullivan	X
Cindy Sullivan	X
Tammy Tefft	X
Chris Tolpa	X
Susan Dargie	<u>X</u>
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Also in attendance: Dan Pallotta  
Caolo & Bieniek Representative(s): Bert Gardner

1. At 5:30 pm Mayor Michael McCabe called the meeting to order.
2. Public Participation:  
Kathleen Hillman, School Committee member, was in attendance and stated that she wished the School Building Committee meetings were televised.  
  
Bridget Matthews-Kane stated that at a previous meeting a discussion was held about heating stations and cooling stations. She stated that MVP action grants are available. Dan Pallotta stated that he would look into this and report back at the next meeting.
3. Summary of Community Correspondence: none
4. Approval of the December 8, 2022 School Building Committee meeting minutes:  
Brian Sullivan moved, Cindy Sullivan seconded to approve the December 8, 2022 School Building Committee meeting minutes. All were in favor. Motion passes.
5. Review and vote to allow the Mayor to enter into the construction contract  
Dan Pallotta provided an update. After prequalification process, a total of three General Contracting Firms were qualified and allowed to bid. We received a total of two bids, from Fontaine Brothers \$52,542,787.00 and J & J \$56,507,000.00. The low bid was \$2.1 million

over the estimated construction cost. Dan Pallotta stated that to get the contract awarded we would be shifting costs from some of the unused estimated budget lines to the construction line, in addition we have modified the furniture budget to be in line with the total MSBA allowable reimbursement and shifted contingency to construction. Dan stated that our per square footage cost is lower than the majority of current school projects. During bidding it was discovered that there was an anticipated long lead time with the switch gear, and it was approved to allow the move in date for the new school to be December of 2024.

Cindy Sullivan moved, Bridget Matthews-Kane seconded to allow Mayor Michael McCabe to enter into the contract with Fontaine Brothers as General Contractor for the base bid with no alternates \$52, 542,787.00

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Mayor Michael McCabe	X	
Stefan Czaporowski	absent	
Shannon Barry	X	
Bryan Forrette	X	
Chris Carey	X	
Mike Tirrell	X	
Ralph Figy	absent	
Lisa Benoit	absent	
Erika Masciadrelli	X	
Shelly Hazlett	absent	
Bridget Matthews-Kane	X	
Bill Parks	X	
Brian Sullivan	X	
Cindy Sullivan	X	
Tammy Tefft	X	
Chris Tolpa	X	
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6. Set date for future meetings


A discussion took place regarding a schedule for monthly meetings. It was decided that the second Tuesday of each month at 5:30 pm the School Building Committee would meet. Tammy Tefft stated that she would confirm that this day/time was available.

7. Any other item not reasonably anticipated 48 prior to the meeting

8. Adjourn

At 5:52 pm Ralph Figy moved, Brian Sullivan seconded to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor. Motion passes.

A true copy, Attest:

  
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 Michael McCabe, Chair  
 Westfield School Building Committee