

Rochester School Board / Rochester City Council
Joint Building Committee
School Department Boardroom
November 13, 2023
6:00 p.m.

Agenda

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Approval of the October 11, 2023 Minutes
3. Architect Update
4. Civil Update
5. M.E.P. Review
6. Owner's Representative Report
7. Other
8. Public Comment
9. Adjournment

Members:

School Board Members:

Sarah Harrington, Chair
Matthew Beaulieu
Anne Grassie
Paul Lynch
Matthew Pappas

City Council Members:

Donald Hamann, Vice Chair
Timothy Fontneau
Paul Callaghan
Alexander de Geofroy
Amy Malone

City of Rochester
Joint School Board – City Council Meeting
School Department Board Room
October 11, 2023
6:00 p.m.

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School Board Present:

Mrs. Sarah Harrington, Chair
Mr. Matthew Beaulieu
Mr. Paul Lynch
Mr. Matthew Pappas

City Council Present:

Mayor Paul Callaghan
Mr. Alexander de Geofroy
Mr. Timothy Fontneau

Others Present:

Mr. Kyle Repucci
Mr. Dave Totty
Ms. Cherie Plummer
Guests and Public

Mrs. Harrington called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. Members and guests participated in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mrs. Harrington thanked Mr. Steve Beaudoin for serving on the JBC Committee and welcomed new member, Mr. Tim Fontneau.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Pappas moved, seconded by Mr. Lynch, to approve the September 13, 2023 minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

Architect Update

Ms. Ingrid Nichols and Mr. Brad Prescott, Banwell Architects, presented the Architect Update. They are working with Tighe & Bond. They visited the building site as well as East Rochester School. Also, staff reviews were held in September. The architectural plan was reviewed and parent drop off options were explained. Three building design options were reviewed and discussion ensued. Committee members asked clarifying questions regarding each design option. Classroom and cafeteria layout options were also reviewed and discussed. Ms. Ingrid Nichols reviewed next steps for the building design.

Civil Update

Mr. Alexander Sellar, Tighe & Bond, presented the Civil Update. He reviewed the site layout, grading and drainage, and preliminary utility layout. He also reviewed next steps for the site design. Discussion ensued and committee members asked clarifying questions.

Owner's Representative Report

Mr. Gordon Bristol reviewed next steps. He shared that they had a successful visit to East Rochester School. He will be working with Harvey Construction on the process for coming up with a guaranteed maximum price.

Other – Mrs. Harrington asked if a press release could be done after each JBC meeting since we no longer have public forums. Mr. Repucci said we could do a press release listing bulleted items from the meeting.

Mr. Lynch asked Mr. Totty to look into the possibility of the new school burning methane gas we capture from the Gonic landfill.

Mr. Pappas would like the website added as an agenda item for the November meeting.

Public Comment – Tabatha Davis, Rochester resident, shared her opinion on the building design options and cafeteria layout options. She also shared that the public cannot see or hear the presentations due to where the presenters stand and the public seating is located. Also, she suggested that the Committee involve the public, students and staff when deciding on classroom layout.

Non-Public

Mr. Beaulieu moved, second by Mr. Lynch, to enter non-public session at 7:38 p.m. in accordance with RSA 91-A:3, II (d) Consideration of the acquisition, sale or lease of real or personal property which, if discussed in public, would likely benefit a party or parties whose interests are averse to those of the general community.

The motion carried on a roll call vote as follows:

YES: Mr. Lynch, Mr. Beaulieu, Mr. de Geofroy, Mrs. Harrington, Mayor Callaghan, Mr. Fontneau, Mr. Pappas

NO:

Public Session

Mr. Beaulieu moved, second by Mr. Pappas, the Board enter Public Session at 8:02 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Beaulieu moved, second by Mr. Pappas, to seal the non-public minutes indefinitely. The motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

Mr. Pappas moved, second by Mr. Beaulieu to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kyle M. Repucci
Board Secretary