

# SOUTH KINGSTOWN SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE

## MEETING MINUTES

**Kate Macinanti**  
*Chair*  
**Brian Mahoney**  
*Vice-Chair*  
**Brian Silvia**  
*Member*  
**Lucas Murray**  
*Member*  
**James Manni**  
*Town Manager*



**Terry Lynch**  
*Member*  
**Chip McGair**  
*Member*  
**David Palazzetti**  
*Member*  
**Michael Podraza**  
*Superintendent*

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### EVENT DETAILS

<b>TOPIC:</b>	School Building Committee - Regular Meeting
<b>DATE/TIME:</b>	Wednesday, September 4, 2024 at 6:00 PM
<b>LOCATION:</b>	Town Council Chambers, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor, 180 High Street, Wakefield, RI
<b>LIVESTREAM:</b>	<a href="https://www.youtube.com/@sksbc/streams">https://www.youtube.com/@sksbc/streams</a>
<b>PUBLIC COMMENT:</b>	Public comments must be made in person. Comments must be kept to the agenda topic being discussed at that time. The committee chair may limit the duration of comments to ensure members have adequate time to address business items.

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Item	Topic
1.	Call to Order/Roll Call Members present: Kate Macinanti, Brian Mahoney, Brian Silvia, Lucas Murray, James Manni, Terry Lynch, Chip McGair, David Palazzetti, Michael Podraza Others present: Chris Spiegel, Mark Moore
<b>New Business Items:</b>	
2.	Discussion: Communications from the Public Ms. Macinanti reported that no communications were received.
3.	Discussion: Presentation: Project Status Update a. RIDE Process Update Chris Spiegel, LeftField reviewed the project's status, including the completion of Stage I and Stage II, as well as the beginning of Stage III. The schematic design phase is underway, with three checkpoints planned: schematic design review, design development review, and construction document review. The project's budget is \$150 million, with \$10 million in contingency. b. Schematic Design Overview Mr. Spiegel gave an overview of the schematic design process, including the need for internal and independent cost estimates. Cost estimates are reconciled to provide a baseline number for scope and budget alignment. Changes in the design from schematic to construction documentation are inevitable, with authorities having jurisdiction. The Rhode Island Department of Education School Building Authority will have significant input due to their financial contribution. c. Ongoing/Upcoming Activities Mr. Spiegel shared the expectations of the project going forward. Meetings will be scheduled which involve stakeholders such as the Superintendent, Athletics Director, and department heads to define educational program spaces. Benchmarking analysis will be conducted to compare the proposed design with other high schools in the area. The design will be refined based on the stakeholder feedback and the educational programming requirements. Mr. Spiegel then outlined the community engagement process, which will include presentations to the School Building Committee, School Committee, Town Council, and the public.
4.	Discussion/Action: Geothermal Test Well Drilling and Support Services (Recommendation to Award)

	<p>Mr. Spiegel and Mr. Moore reviewed the process for the Recommendation to Award for the Geothermal Test Well Drilling and Support Services. The recommendation is to proceed with a Recommendation to Award to Allied Drilling LLC through Gilbane as our Construction Manager, for \$97,775.00. Discussion ensued regarding the recommendation. Motion made to proceed with a Recommendation to Award to Allied Drilling LLC through Gilbane as Construction Manager, for \$97,775.</p> <p>Motion made by David Palazzetti  Motion seconded by Brian Mahoney  Motion passes</p>
5.	<p>Discussion/Action: Environmental Engineering Services (Recommendation to Award)</p> <p>Mr. Spiegel and Mr. Moore reviewed the process for the Recommendation to Award for the Environmental Engineering Services. The recommendation is to proceed with a Recommendation to Award to Tighe &amp; Bond for the Environmental Engineering Services.</p> <p>Motion made to proceed with a Recommendation to Award to Tighe &amp; Bond for the Environmental Engineering Services.</p> <p>Motion made by: Chip McGair  Motion seconded by: Brian Mahoney  Motion passes</p>
6.	<p>Community Comments</p> <p>Don Smith, - a retired Music educator, shared his support of the project. He also shared some information and materials regarding the benefits of insulated concrete forms (ICF) - resilience, fire resistance, noise reduction, advantages of use, and feasibility.</p> <p>Jeanine Silversmith - Sustainability Committee, shared her excitement about the geothermal well testing. She also shared the importance of keeping all design possibilities open, including solar readiness and passive home design.</p> <p>Dorald Beasley - Mr. Beasley questioned where the responsibility lies for segregating and repurposing materials from the demolition of existing schools. This will be discussed in a future meeting.</p>
7.	<p>Discussion/Action: Next Meeting Dates, Forums, Times and Agenda Items</p> <p>The next School Building Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 19 at 6:00 PM.</p> <p>A workshop presentation regarding possible federal funding to the Town Council, School Committee and School Building Committee is planned for Monday, September 23, 2024 at 6:00 PM.</p>
8.	<p>Adjourn</p> <p>Motion made to adjourn.</p> <p>Motion made by Brian Mahoney  Motion seconded by Lucas Murray  Motion passes.</p>