

SOUTH KINGSTOWN SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

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EVENT DETAILS

TOPIC:	School Building Committee - Regular Meeting
DATE/TIME:	June 08, 2023 – 5:03 PM
LOCATION:	Town Council Chambers, 2 nd Floor, 180 High Street, Wakefield, RI
LIVESTREAM:	South Kingstown SBC meeting - 06.08.2023
PUBLIC COMMENT:	-

MEETING MINUTES

Item	Topic
1.	<p>Call to Order/Roll Call:</p> <p>The meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM Member present : Lucas Murray, Danielle De Simone, James Manni, Kate Macinanti, Dave Palazzetti, Brian Mahoney, Mark Prince, Chip McGair.</p>
New Business Items:	
2.	<p>Discussion/Action: Meeting Minutes, Public Correspondence & Community forum</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The approval of previous meeting minutes, which were not available for review as they were in a Google Doc format. It was agreed that the minutes would be posted as drafts for approval later. - There was minimal public correspondence during the period, with only one item from Chip being noted. The lack of communication was interpreted positively, suggesting that the community is satisfied with the current processes. - Lucas Murray reported on a community forum held on May 20th, attended by approximately 25 individuals. The forum included a presentation by Phil, who conducted surveys indicating overall positive feedback on the project. The chairperson emphasized the importance of focusing on valid information sources rather than social media noise.
3.	<p>Project Update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lucas Murray spoke with Mario Carino regarding project updates and potential reimbursement rates for voters. - The state budget is set to vote on lifting the cap on bonuses for communities, which could increase reimbursement rates for the project. - Estimated additional reimbursement could amount to approximately \$4.4 million on a \$125 million project if submitted before July 1, 2024.

4.	<p>Timeline & Construction Schedule & Donations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Clarification on the timeline for project completion, aiming for a summer 2027 opening. - Discussion on the need for a refined schedule for Stage Two submission. - A donation from Arnold Lumber for materials for a float was acknowledged. Coordination with the CTE program was mentioned, and the chairperson expressed gratitude for the support received from Chip McGair.
4.	<p>Owner's Project Manager (OPM) Interview:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lucas mentioned having interviewed four firms were interviewed for the Owner's Project Manager (OPM) role: Keough, Left Field, ONS Construction, and Colliers. - Lucas Murray will be stepping down as Chair on 1st July 2023. - Left Field was selected due to their strong presentation and commitment to the project. - The OPM will assist in managing the project and ensuring community engagement. <p>Chip McGair: The committee would make a flat recommendation to the school committee and then the school committee will decide.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Motion made by Chip McGair Seconded by Brian Mahoney Motion Passed</p>
5.	<p>Community Feedback and Bond Vote Preparation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Feedback from the community forum indicated that while there were some dissenting opinions, the overall sentiment was positive. Lucas Murray suggested focusing on the supportive voices as the project moves towards the bond vote. - Kate M. highlighted the need for clear communication regarding the financial impact of the project on taxpayers along with the importance of addressing educational capabilities.
6.	<p>Stage Two Submission Preparation</p> <p>Phil Conte (Studio JAED):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The structure of the Stage Two submission was outlined, including sections on project summary, architectural feasibility, schematic design documents, cost projections, financing plans, and community engagement efforts. The timeline for submission, with a target date of July 12th for submission to the Rhode Island Department of Education. - The committee discussed scheduling future meetings to ensure timely reviews and approvals of documents related to the project. A tentative date of June 22nd was set for a vote on the Stage Two summary. Seconded by Kate and Motion passed with no opposition.
8.	<p>Adjourn:</p> <p>Motion to adjourn. Motion made by Lucas Murray Motion seconded by Brian Motion passes unanimously</p> <p>The meeting is adjourned at approx.6:15 PM</p>