
**EAST PROVIDENCE JOINT SCHOOL COMMITTEE/CITY COUNCIL MEETING
OPEN SESSION – May 2, 2022**

The East Providence School Committee met for a Joint School Committee/City Council Meeting on Monday, May 2, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. in the East Providence High School auditorium. Members present were Joel Monteiro, Chair, Jessica Beauchaine, Vice Chair, Max Brandle, Clerk, Charles Tsonos and Jenni Azanero. Also present were Superintendent Kathryn Crowley and Assistant Superintendent Dr. Sandra Forand.

I. Call To Order

Mr. Monteiro called the Joint Session of the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. Mr. Monteiro stated they were there to view a presentation from the Peregrine Group and Ai3 Architects. He thanked the City Council for attending this meeting.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was observed.

III. Discussion Item

Presentation on the potential Martin Middle School and Waddington Elementary School construction project – Superintendent Crowley explained that the Rhode Island Department of Education approached the District that a \$300 mil construction bond will be on the ballot this November. Distribution of the funds will be different than the high school construction project and will be based on need. The reimbursement lock-in rate dropped to 48.1% and will drop further to 42% in 2023. With the 48.1% reimbursement there is potential for 20% in bonus incentives. There is \$10 mil in upfront monies from Pay-go funding that can be put towards the bond, further reducing it. This meeting is to ask support of a resolution to go on the ballot in November 2022. May 19th is the deadline to submit. The legislature calendar ends session in June.

Mr. Jordan from Ai3 Architects assessed all school buildings in the City and gave an overview of the process for the Stage II submittal which is identifying the greatest need. Martin Middle School stands out as the second highest school in the state in poor condition due to the design of the classrooms with movable walls and lack of natural day light. Waddington Elementary School needs significant educational and safety improvements.

Mr. Bradner from Peregrine went through the bond process to date and gave a budget overview. The total project budget for Martin and Waddington School improvements is not to exceed \$148,000.000. Mr. Jordan highlighted the scope of work. There will be many more discussions and meetings with the City Council on these projects.

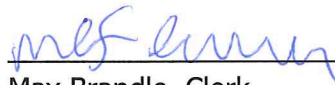
IV. Adjournment

Motion by Ms. Azanero, seconded by Ms. Beauchaine and carried by unanimous consent to adjourn the meeting at 7:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Sharon Corsi
Administrative Assistant

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Max Brandle", written over a horizontal line.

Max Brandle, Clerk