

East Providence School Department  
**East Providence Building Committee**

**April 12, 2021**

The East Providence Building Committee met for a virtual meeting on Monday, April 12, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. In attendance were Joel Monteiro, Co-Chair, Nathan Cahoon, Co-Chair, Superintendent Kathryn Crowley, Sandra Forand, Anthony Feola, Ben Russell, Craig Enos, Gene Oakland, Manuel Vinhateiro, Robert Weygand, Nicholas Shattuck, Stephen Amoroso, Toby Gibbons, Samuel Bradner, Erik Andrutis, James Jordan, Kristen Kendall and Justin Thibeault.

1) Call to Order

Mr. Monteiro called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m. The Providence College EDU-527 School Plant Planning class were guests who were observing this meeting. They are studying for their certification for Superintendent and are from various cities and towns in the state.

2) OPM Report

Mr. Bradner presented his monthly OPM update. Building official monthly meetings continue with the next meeting on Wednesday, April 14. There were five field site visits and review for the building envelope in March and two mechanical, electrical, plumbing and fire protection field site visits and review. All steps were completed for FF&E and technology during the procurement process. A vendor award is ready for selection. Construction is 62.9% complete based on work in place. Window glazing, finishes, millwork/casework, rooftop unit startup and district kitchen walk-in cooler is ongoing. Installation for field turf to start this month. Auditorium seating installation to begin in May and furniture installation in July/August 2021. There were 26 subcontractors, 240 workers per day with 1,914 man hours per day for the month of March working on this project. Interior spaces are starting to come into shape. Owner contingency balance is 76.7%, construction contingency balance is 82.4%, owner allowances balance is 78.3% and COVID allowance balance is 75.4%. There were no change orders to the budget for the month of April.

3) Clocktower

Ai3 presented the latest design for two free standing signs identifying the gym on the north end and the performing arts on the south end of the building.

Mr. Monteiro explained that when building the new high school, the clocktower was always a priority and a symbol for the high school. A commitment was made by the Building Committee to honor that this site maintain the clocktower and looked at replacing the 1999 clocktower with one that matches the new building. To reface the old clocktower and build a retaining wall would be very expensive. Five renditions of a clocktower were narrowed down to three.

Kristen Kendall from Ai3 presented three final options. Option 3 was officially eliminated. It was the consensus of the Building Committee to go with option 1 design and all agree on the location of the clocktower which is situated closer to the school. No votes were taken. Ai3 will present the design and cost estimate to construct a new clocktower to the Building Committee for a final decision in May or June.

4) Purchase Contract for FF&E

Motion by Mr. Weygand, seconded by Mr. Oakland and carried by unanimous consent to approve the vendor awards for furniture totaling \$2,157,638.00.

5) National Grid Agreement

Motion by Mr. Vinhateiro, seconded by Mr. Feola and carried by unanimous consent to approve the customer contribution towards construction cost of \$61,313.00.

6) Approval of Invoices for Services

Ai3 Basic Services - \$122,474.84

Ai3 Reimbursable Expenses - \$681.80

Gilbane - \$5,922,448.49

Peregrine Group, LLC - \$59,000.00

Stephen Turner, Inc. - \$1,913.42

Thielsch Engineering - \$11,342.50

City of EP Water Division - \$1,426.36

Custom Computer Specialists - \$495,087.96 and \$32,423.04

Providence Journal - \$4,650.28

WB Mason - \$2,009.49

EP School Department - \$3,594.16

**Total: \$6,657,052.34**

Motion by Mr. Weygand, seconded by Mr. Amoroso and carried by unanimous consent to approve the March 2021 invoices as submitted. The invoices will be presented to the School Committee for approval on April 13, 2021.

Mr. Oakland voted present on the Gilbane invoice.

7) Approval of Minutes

Motion by Mr. Feola seconded by Mr. Vinhateiro and carried by unanimous consent to approve the minutes of March 8, 2021 as submitted.

8) Next Meeting Date

The next virtual meeting will be held on Monday, May 10, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

The Committee held a question and answer session for the PC students

9) Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Russell seconded by Mr. Feola and carried by unanimous consent to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Corsi  
Administrative Assistant

Joel Monteiro, Co-Chair  
Building Committee

Nathan Cahoon, Co-Chair  
Building Committee