

East Providence School Department  
**East Providence Building Committee - EPHS**  
**July 15, 2024**

The East Providence Building Committee for the high school project met on Monday, July 15, 2024 at 5:30 pm in the library at Martin Middle School. Members in attendance: Manuel Vinhateiro, Robert Rodericks, Stephen Amoroso, Craig Enos, Alfred Villeneuve, William Black, Dan Carpenter and Jenni Furtado. Joel Monteiro, Robert Weygand, John McNamee and Superintendent Forand were absent. Also in attendance were John Iemma and Patrick McDonald.

**I. Call to Order**

Mr. Vinhateiro called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

**II. EPHS Capital Projects Update**

Mr. Enos reported that ceiling fans were installed this week in the band and chorus rooms. Forty two-way radios have been purchased for use within the high school. Vinyl wall protection is on way for hallways and bathrooms on 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> floors. Shrouds for sinks have been ordered. HVAC maintenance contract with Next-Gen is currently in year 2 of a 3-year contract. They are willing to extend the contract to 5 years and would be well warranted. Fencing between the high school and neighbors properties is proposed so students won't leap the fence. An updated quote was received on the turf maintenance contract to extend the contract through the 2027 school year. Purchase and install a 21'x18' storage shed for storage of high school synthetic turf care equipment. Purchase and have installed a 22'x36' storage shed for storage of additional facilities equipment and athletic gear. An RFP is on the market for this multi-functional piece of material handling equipment. Mr. Enos will bring forward to the Building Committee in August for award. A Ford F-350 with 8' plow and stainless steel sander is needed to replace the current vehicle. Working on the landscape maintenance equipment and will bring forward in August. The new Facilities Director may elect to choose a new model.

An hi-pod for filming sports practices and games was requested. Mr. Queenan stated at last month's meeting that it would be good if funds are available that one hi-pod should be purchased for each of the fields. After speaking with Mr. Butler, three hi-pods would be appreciated, one for each field. The cost is \$15,673 for three. A mobility chute and six short board chutes for football practices will be brought forward.

**Motion by Mr. Rodericks, seconded by Mr. Black and carried by unanimous consent to approve the purchase of hi-pods as submitted.**

Chimes and the wireless receiver have been ordered. Composting toilets will be looked at with the City. A landscape architect is currently reviewing the bleacher request and need for additional bathrooms.

Mr. Rodericks provided another way to find bleachers for the baseball field. Mr. Amoroso inquired if they have to have identical bleacher setups for both fields. Mr. Vinhateiro stated they are doing their due diligence so they have seating for both fields, including a site survey with the Superintendent and vendors to ensure that both fields receive the proper setups. A meeting was

held and they walked the site for options. Mr. Enos stated that they had approved 70 seats for \$25,000.

Also on the list are two teacher desk/set ups and 70 student chairs for the new alternative learning program that is housed at the administration building.

Mr. Enos stated that he proceeded forward with the number of items they had in technology. He introduced John Iemma, Co-Director of Technology to discuss the increase in IP cameras. Mr. Iemma stated that after questioning the vendor, the vendor gave the wrong quote on pricing which resulted in an increase of \$30,000. Another item saw an increase in \$44,000. The model for 300 mobile stations is no longer available so the next model up to cost more. All other items, including 2000 student chromebooks and battery backups were obtained. 200 iPads came in at \$2,000 less. Network switches and access points came in. Licensing co-term rollup for cameras came in.

Mr. Rodericks inquired about the purpose of the Chromebook and iPad purchases. Mr. Enos stated that this was required for the existing technology needs for students currently in place at the high school. He also stated that there is a need for one-on-one iPads for special education students as outlined in their IEPs.

Mr. Enos stated that the budget balance was \$3.2M. Mr. Enos stated that there are still a number of outstanding items that need to be finished, like the rebuilt fence, in order to close out the project. He said there is one more additional item which is time sensitive and referred to Mr. Iemma. Mr. Iemma presented Minga which is an electronic hall pass and behavioral management solution for the high school to track attendance. Mr. Black stated they did research and received good feedback from the technology team. The Committee asked some questions to clarify what the features were. The cost for a three-year agreement is \$33,780.

**Motion by Mr. Amoroso, seconded by Mr. Iemma and carried by unanimous consent to approve the purchase of the Minga platform as submitted.**

**Motion by Mr. Rodericks, seconded by Mr. Amoroso and carried by unanimous consent to accept the EPHS capital projects update from Mr. Enos as submitted.**

**III. Approval of Invoices – June 2024**

Ai3 Architects - \$1,215.50

Challenge Electronics - \$11,598.00

City of East Providence - \$780.00

Custom Computer Specialists - \$496,872.83

Gilman Gear - \$353.45

Peregrine Group Jan-June 2024 - \$5,925.00

Construction Invoices Total - \$516,744.78

**Motion by Mr. Rodericks, seconded by Mr. Black and carried by unanimous consent to approve the June 2024 invoices as submitted.**

The invoices will be presented to the School Committee at their next meeting on July 30, 2024.

IV. Approval of Minutes

**Motion by Mr. Enos, seconded by Mr. Rodericks and carried by unanimous consent to approve the June 10, 2024 minutes as submitted.**

Mr. Rodericks requested Mr. Enos to let the Mayor know all expenditures paid to date and to confirm the remaining balance. Mayor DaSilva stated that they are facing serious challenges coming up in the budget and he would like the school department to contribute the remaining balance towards the Martin Middle School debt service.

V. Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be held on Monday, August 12, 2024 at 5:30 pm in the student commons at the high school. The change in location is due to the heat, from the humid weather, in the library at Martin.

VI. Adjournment

**Motion by Mr. Enos, seconded by Mr. Rodericks and carried by unanimous consent to adjourn the meeting at 6:03 pm.**

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Corsi  
Executive Assistant

Joel Monteiro, Co-Chair  
Building Committee

Manuel Vinhateiro, Co-Chair  
Building Committee