East Providence School Department
East Providence Building Committee – EPSD Districtwide
July 13, 2026

The East Providence Building Committee met on Monday, July 13, 2026 at 5:30 p.m. in the cafeteria at Martin Middle School. Members in attendance: Manuel Vinhateiro, Sandra Forand, Karen Rebello, Dan Carpenter, Tom Brun, Stephen Amoroso, Jack Rezendes, Alfred Villeneuve, Anthony Ferreira, Robert Perry and Laurie Marchand.

Jessica Beauchaine, Patrick McDonald, John Iemma, Bob Rodericks and Karen Moore were absent. Anne DaSilva, Gordon Zaniol, Corinne Andrade and Brian Grady were also present.

I. Call to Order

Mr. Vinhateiro announced there was a quorum and called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

Motion by Mr. Amoroso, seconded by Mr. Rezendes and carried unanimously to move up approval of invoices.

II. OPM Update – Current Districtwide Improvements

Martin Middle School/Pre-K – Project is 75% roughed in on the first floor. Inspections will be within the next few weeks. Subcontractors are currently working their way up the building. The elevator install will be in early August. A temporary wall separating the building from the Pre-K has been taken down. Curbing started on June 2 and is 100% complete. Shawmut is going to begin final paving work for the parking lot and should be completed early August. Mr. Amoroso inquired as to how the schedule was looking. Still looking at an April 28 finish date. Principal Marchand inquired as to when they would be able to use the front door. Shawmut stated that the sidewalk work is expected to begin tomorrow and could take two weeks before the front door is usable again. Shawmut anticipates that the parking availability will no longer be an issue for the start of school. The fence line will be adjusted and it will be the entire front parking area. Ms. Marchand stated that her staff requested assigned parking spots and inquired as to whether the spots will be numbered. Numbered spots also assist with substitutes having spots to use when teachers are out. Mr. Zaniol from Shawmut stated that if a plan was marked up for them, they would take care of the numbering of the spots. They will be out there striping. Ms. DaSilva stated that the intention is to keep the same bus loop as it currently stands. Parent drop-off/pick-up should remain unchanged to minimize the amount of confusion from the public.

M/WBE participation remains the same at +/- 12%. The total project cost is $127,925,226 with some adjustments that were discussed last month. The changes from last month were reflected in both MMS and Waddington budget sheets. Framing, roofing, MEP rough-in, site work and envelope work is ongoing.

On the decision matrix, auditorium alternates require no votes tonight but just for review.
There is a 15-18 week lead time regarding the acoustic wall panels to have completed during Phase II. The district should look into whether this is necessary. Ms. Marchand stated that there was a recent event in the auditorium and there was no echo issues. Mr. Amoroso stated that cost won't change much if it is done now or in the future if it is necessary. Ms. DaSilva stated the this item can be left on the decision matrix and put off until the October building committee meeting.

With regard to the Pre-K indoor playground Ms. DaSilva handed out two plans for indoor cubbies; one plan with decision matrix items and one with the items the district has already committed to. The largest add is to add doors to the two smallest cubbies, as well as, adding three additional small cubbies. There is no decision to be made at this time. The plans are being provided so

everyone knows what the alternates are for. Principal Rebello inquired as to when the decision had to be made as storage is very important to the Pre-K. This storage is specifically for the indoor playground. The cubbies presently do not have doors and are for playtime. There is outdoor storage for the outdoor Pre-K material. Mr. Vinhateiro requested renderings of the space. If the cubbies are only 18 inches deep, it is not good for storage use and would remove play space. Ms. DaSilva will provided renderings of this area to the committee. Mr. Zaniol will have the design team weigh in on.

Ms. DaSilva provided an updated cost estimate for the basketball courts. The north field has been capped and that while there is some work that needs to be done, it is already part of the budget. To have the basketball court as shown in the plan, the coordination between SAGE, DEM, etc. would result in a much greater cost, near $600K. Mr. Vinhateiro stated that the community has previously been very supportive of the school district during previous issues with contaminated soil and is concerned about re-engaging the community to perform work in this area. Ms. DaSilva stated that this item will remain for future discussions. Mr. Vinhateiro entertained a motion to see if the City is open to a allowing the basketball court to be on City property.

Motion by Ms. Rebello, seconded by Mr. Carpenter and carried unanimously to communicate with the City to relocate the basketball court to City property.

Ms. DaSilva went through the photo updates from last month. She noted during the walkthrough the mockup of window film for safety. There is also a mockup of a more security type film which is darker. These mockups should be ready for the next building committee meeting.

Waddington – The flooring demo mobilized today. There is approximately five weeks for this flooring work to be completed in the gym, kitchen, storage, hallway and stairs. The 11-month warranty walkthrough is scheduled for next month.

III. Acceptance of OPM Report

Motion by Ms. Marchand, seconded by Mr. Amoroso and carried unanimously to accept the OPM update as submitted.

IV. Approval of Stage III Invoices – June 2026

Ai3 Basic Services MMS - $59,078.54
Peregrine Group – MMS - $50,600.00
Peregrine Group – Wadd - $21,780.00
Shawmut – MMS - $2,797,442.30
Willscot - MMS – $2,944.63
PODS - MMS - $233.20
Stephen Turner Inc. – MMS - $2,705.75
Stephen Turner Inc. – Wadd - $2,733.25
Thielsch Engineering – MMS - $12,920.25

Total $2,950,437.92

Motion by Mr. Rezendes, seconded by Ms. Marchand and carried unanimously to approve the June 2026 invoices in the amount of $2,950,437.92 as read by Anne DaSilva from Peregrine and submitted.

V. Approval of Minutes

Motion by Mr. Villenauve, seconded by Ms. Rebello and carried unanimously to approve the June 8, 2026 minutes as submitted.

VI. Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be held on Victory Day, Monday, August 10, 2026 at 5:30pm at Martin.

VII. Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Brun, seconded by Mr. Amoroso and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Corsi	Manuel Vinhateiro
Executive Assistant	Building Committee Chair