

Memorial Boulevard Intradistrict  
Arts Magnet School Committee  
Regular Meeting September 26, 2019

Present: Cheryl, Assis, Dr. Michael Dietter, Lori Eschner, Frank Stawski,  
John Lodovico, Steve Masotti, John Smith, and Chris Wilson

Excused: David Preleski

Also Present: Jill Browne, Angela Cahill, Tim Callahan, Dr. Catherine Carbone,  
Edward D'Amato, David Heer, Roger Rousseau, and Mayor Zoppo-  
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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chair Dietter.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**On a motion by John Smith and seconded by John Lodovico, it was unanimously voted to approve the minutes of the special meeting on September 26, 2019.**

**3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There was no public participation at this time.

**4. PROJECT MANAGER'S UPDATE**

**Tim Callahan presented:**

- Mr. Callahan presented the information to the Board of Finance meeting on September 24
- QA & M as well as Chair Dietter, Carly Fortin, and Tim Callahan met to discuss programming and the programming impact for the pathways
- There is a revised plan with the 12,000sf reduction
- Looking for future reductions through the trades during design development
- Estimate update currently over 2.7% for schematic design with almost 10 million in contingencies for design development

**5. ARCHITECT'S UPDATE**

**Angela Cahill Presented:**

- Angela Cahill expressed QA & M is comfortable where they are with the budget at this time

- She gave an overview of the updated design (this is on file at the BOE in room 24)
- The significant change is in the size and shape of the addition
- Basement Changes:
  - mechanical room will not be as large as originally planned
  - program space ultimately remains unchanged
- Ground Floor Changes:
  - change in size and shape of the addition
  - moved café to large area on south side of the building – still working with layout options (this area may still change)
  - gym is closer to existing building
  - backstage area was decreased
- 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Changes:
  - green roof over the locker rooms
  - high school tech ed is located behind the stage
  - theater seating has decreased to 650
  - less theater renovations (galleries around the stage area will be left as well as the stairs that lead to them)
  - working with a ramp system to accommodate handicap accessibility to the stage
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Changes:
  - no significant changes
  - houses 8<sup>th</sup> grade and media center
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Changes:
  - no significant changes
  - dedicated to 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grades
- John Lodovico requested square footage of mechanical area – Angela will report back
- Lori Eschner is looking for a specific space to be dedicated for theater and dance - She stated shared space will not work for dance – Angela is working on a big open space for dance
- There was concern from committee members that the black box was removed from the plan – Chair Dietter responded that it is not “identified space,” it is a priority and the team is looking into what other areas can be used as “multiuse space”
- Feedback has been communicated to QA & M regarding what areas would be good for multiuse space
- Frank Stawski questioned how much longer can discussions continue before it affects the schedule – the schedule is not currently affected because the footprint of the building is not affected

- The team is following the recommendation of OSCGR in reference to remaining compliant with the historical society – the project has local historical society support
- Frank Stawski reported prior to the project committee, there was a theater committee who worked with several theater consultants that offered different ideas for the theater – Angela would like to compare notes with what ideas their theater consultants offered
- Josh Medeiros is the chairperson for the theater committee and it would be beneficial to discuss theater components with him
- The plan is to build a “professional quality theater”

## **6. CONSTRUCTION MANAGER UPDATE**

### **David Heer Presented:**

- Reviewed the current estimate
- Last estimate had project costs of \$77,730,00 – Current estimate is \$64,712,000 – overage of \$1,712,000
- There is almost 10 million in contingency funds – as schematic design progresses, contingencies reduce
- It is typical to be overbudget at this point in the project
- Feels confident moving forward into design development
- Permit fees, 3<sup>rd</sup> party review, and the construction work at Associated Spring is ineligible
- John Smith stated the budget is the budget – we can’t spend over \$63,000,000 – Coordination with Josh Medeiros needs to happen quickly to begin fundraising for theater
- The field will become a multipurpose field to allow for soccer, lacrosse, and community events
- The schedule for the early demo package will change but the PCR is still looking favorable for June 2020

## **7. CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT**

### **Chairperson Michael Dietter Presented:**

- The community discussion was tentatively scheduled for October – it will be moved to November – once decided, the date will be shared

## **8. EXPENDITURE REPORT**

### **Timothy Callahan Presented**

- The expenditure report is on file in room 24 at the BOE central office

## **9. OLD BUSINESS**

- Lori Eschner referred to the “draft questions” that were handed out at the last meeting. She is questioning why there are discussions about STEM not STEAM – this is a creative arts school and it should be STEAM
- Lori Eschner would like it rewritten – Why are we talking STEM not STEAM?

## **10. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn by John Lodovico and seconded by Frank Stawski at 7:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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