



MAINE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

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STATE OF MAINE

The State Board of Education held a regular monthly meeting on August 18, 2009, at the McKernan Center at Southern Maine Community College in South Portland, Maine. The following members were present: Chair Ann Weisleder; Vice Chair James Banks, Sr.; James Carignan; Marilyn Temple Tardy; Steven Pound; Lynda Doyle; Nancy Perkins; Jeffrey Vermette; Honor Wilkinson; and Andrea Levinsky. Excused: Mabel Desmond

Also present were: Commissioner Susan Gendron; Scott Brown, AIA, School Facilities; and Mary Becker, Secretary Associate.

CALLED TO ORDER:

Chair Ann Weisleder called the meeting to order at 1:04 PM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOVED by James Carignan, seconded by Steven Pound, and unanimously voted by those present to approve the July 15, 2009 minutes as written.

OFFICER'S REPORTS:

Chair, Ann Weisleder:

- No Report

Vice Chair, James Banks, Sr.

- No Report

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:

Steven Pound:

- That he is looking for some clarification on the Career and Technical Education (CTE) Committee and how it is structured. Ann spoke with Lora Downing regarding an informational presentation at an upcoming Board meeting. The Committee is made up of State Board and Department of Education personnel.

Honor Wilkinson:

- No Report

Andrea Levinsky:

- That she spoke with Brenda Welburn regarding the 16 States that have State Board of Education Student members and Brenda will be emailing all students within the next couple of weeks to create a Webinar chat.

Marilyn Temple Tardy:

- That she attended the Maine Media College, Master of Fine Arts Review in Rockport on August 12, 2009. A report of the Review Team will be coming out in the near future.

Nancy Perkins:

- No Report

James Carignan:

- No Report

Jeffrey Vermette:

- No Report

Lynda Doyle:

- No Report

CONSENT AGENDA:

No Items on the Consent Agenda for August.

SPECIAL ORDERS (Important business previously designated for consideration)

MAJOR CAPITAL SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM; DESIGN AND FUNDING APPROVAL CONSIDERATION; GORHAM SCHOOL DEPARTMENT, NEW GORHAM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION PROJECT.

STATEMENT OF FACT: This project is number 11 on the current priority list of 20 school construction projects. The new elementary school proposed by the Gorham School Department will be constructed in Gorham and will house 550 students, grades preK through 5. The project received Concept Approval on June 11, 2008. The subsequent referendum passed with a 71% vote in favor of the project. The project will replace the White Rock School and will also house some students who are currently

attending the Narragansett Elementary School in Gorham. Gorham has made a significant financial commitment to upgrades in the building and on the school site.

The basic design of the project and budget have not changed since Concept Approval, and it has met the needed criteria to move forward which will allow it to be bonded and constructed on schedule.

The Design and Funding Approval is being requested pursuant to MRSA Title 20-A, Section 15905(1). The Gorham School Department is requesting Design and Funding Approval for a preK-5 elementary school qualifying under State statute and State Board of Education Rule, Chapter 61, Rules for Major Capital School Construction Projects, and

- The proposed project is eligible for school construction under MRSA Title 20-A, Chapter 609;
- The proposed project and authorized method of financing are in the best interest of the State of Maine and Gorham;
- The proposed project estimated capital outlay expenditures are reasonable; and
- The proposed project is in compliance with MRSA Title 20-A, Chapter 301, as it relates to special education facilities.

Project Information

Project: New elementary school
Superintendent: Theodore Sharp
Principal: Brad Smith
Architect: Portland Design Team
School(s) to be closed: White Rock Elementary School

Project Budget Information

Concept Approval Date: June 11, 2008
Total Project Cost: \$25,833,908
Local Only (no State participation): \$2,480,000
Approved for State/Local Debt Service Subsidy: \$23,192,766
Anticipated Maine High Performance Schools Energy Grant: \$161,142

CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: At its meeting on August 10, 2009, the Construction Committee voted unanimously to recommend that the State Board of Education grant Design and Funding Approval to the Gorham School Department for a new elementary school construction project located in Gorham, Maine.

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION: The Commissioner recommends that the State Board of Education grant Design and Funding Approval to the Gorham School Department for a new elementary school in Gorham, Maine, as a Major Capital School Construction Project and approve the design and funding budget as presented.**

**This approval constitutes Design & Funding Approval. Final Funding Approval may be subject to adjustment under Section 10, Subsection 1, of the State Board of Education Rules for School Construction Projects, which states:

“Final Funding Approval by the Commissioner establishes the Project Budget and takes place after construction bids have been received. At that time, the Commissioner may reduce the budget to finance the project, thus providing additional funds for other projects.”

MOVED by James Banks, Sr., seconded by Jeffrey Vermette, and unanimously voted by those present to grant Design and Funding Approval to the Gorham School Department for a new elementary school in Gorham, Maine, as a Major Capital School Construction Project and approve the design and funding budget as presented.

MAJOR CAPITAL SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM; *DESIGN AND FUNDING APPROVAL CONSIDERATION*; FALMOUTH SCHOOL DEPARTMENT, NEW FALMOUTH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION PROJECT.

STATEMENT OF FACT: The new elementary school will be constructed in Falmouth, Maine, and will house 917 students, grades preK through 5. The project received Concept Approval on August 12, 2008. The subsequent referendum passed with a 70% vote in favor of the project.

The Falmouth elementary school project is the largest elementary school project that has been proposed under the present Major Capital School Construction Program. Falmouth has made a major financial commitment (\$5,946,472) to the project. Falmouth school officials and Oak Point Associates personnel have met on numerous occasions with the Department on both the design and financial distribution within the proposed school project. The completed school should be an outstanding educational structure for both the children of Falmouth and the community. The basic design of the project and budget have not changed since Concept Approval, and it has met the needed criteria to move forward which will allow it to be bonded and constructed on schedule.

This Design and Funding Approval is being requested pursuant to MRSA Title 20-A, Section 15905(1). The Falmouth School Department is requesting Design and Funding Approval for a preK-5 elementary school qualifying under State statute and State Board of Education Rule, Chapter 61, Rules for Major Capital School Construction Projects, and

- The proposed project is eligible for school construction under MRSA Title 20-A, Chapter 609;
- The proposed project and authorized method of financing are in the best interest of the State of Maine and the town of Falmouth.
- The proposed project estimated capital outlay expenditures are reasonable; and
- The proposed project is in compliance with MRSA Title 20-A, Chapter 301, as it relates to special education facilities.

Project Information

Project: New Falmouth Elementary School
Superintendent: Barbara Powers
Principal: John Flaherty (D. W. Lunt School)

Architect: Rob Tillotson, Oak Point Associates
School(s) to be closed: Plummer-Motz School and the D. W. Lunt School

Project Budget Information

Concept Approval Date: August 12, 2008
Total Project Cost: \$46,234,545
Local Only (no State participation): \$5,946,472
Approved for State/Local Debt Service Subsidy: \$40,098,254
Anticipated Maine High Performance Schools Energy Grant: \$189,819

CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: At its meeting on August 10, 2009, the Construction Committee voted 3-1 to recommend that the State Board of Education grant Design and Funding Approval to Falmouth School Department for a new elementary school construction project located in Falmouth, Maine.

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION: The Commissioner recommends that the State Board of Education grant Design and Funding Approval to the Falmouth School Department for a new elementary school in Falmouth, Maine, as a Major Capital School Construction Project and approve the design and funding budget as presented.**

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MOVED by James Banks, Sr., seconded by Marilyn Temple Tardy, and unanimously voted by those present to grant Design and Funding Approval to the Falmouth School Department for a new elementary school in Falmouth, Maine as a Major Capital School Construction Project and approve the design and funding budget as presented.

NEW BUSINESS:

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- That the next regular monthly meeting for Wednesday, September 9, 2009 will be moved to Wednesday, September 16, 2009. The meeting will be held at Nokomis High School in Newport.
- That everyone should turn their expense account voucher in to Mary before leaving today’s meeting.
- That the Construction Committee meeting for August has been moved to Monday, September 14, 2009.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- No Public Comment

ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by James Carignan, seconded by Marilyn Temple Tardy, and unanimously voted by those present to adjourn the August 18, 2009, State Board of Education meeting at 1:58 PM.