



State Board of Education
CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE
October 3, 2014
Room 541, Cross State Office Building

MINUTES

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Martha Harris, Chair
Peter Geiger

OTHERS PRESENT:

Scott Brown, Director of School Facilities Services	Kendra Williams, Sanford School & Building Committee
Stephanie Clark, Maine DOE School Facilities	Kathy Sargent, Sanford Reg. Tech Center Director
Ann Pinnette, Maine DOE School Facilities	Rep. Anne Marie Mastraccio, State Rep. Dist. 143 & Sanford Building Committee
Alan Burton, State Board of Education Member	Lance Whitehead, Lavallee Brensinger Architects
David Theoharides, Superintendent Sanford School Dept.	
Steven R. Buck, Sanford City Manager	

CALL TO ORDER: 9:00 a.m.

Minutes of September 2, 2014 were approved as written.

The chair then opened the meeting for the first item on the agenda: Exhibit for the Proposed Sanford High School and Sanford Technical Center Concept Approval. Scott Brown, Director of School Facilities, started off the presentation by explaining to the Committee how Chapter 61 Rules for Major Capital School Construction Projects, dictates the process of funding and building a new school in the State of Maine. Also Mr. Brown explained that the Rule is in the process of being amended to address the growing need for Career and Technical spaces and to ensure these spaces are given the same consideration as traditional classrooms. He then went on to say that Sanford School Department had applied for school construction funding in 1999, 2002, 2005, and 2010 in which the school ranked number 2 on the 2010-2011 priority list.

David Theoharides, Superintendent of Sanford School Department, then spoke to the Committee. He stated that the current Sanford High School and Sanford Technical Center is over-crowded, in fact it is so over-crowded that the school has had to turn away students who have wanted to participate in the technical programs. He then went on to say there are 24 portable classrooms which house 330 students. If approved, the new Sanford High School and Sanford Technical Center will be an integrated school by combining academic classrooms alongside technical classrooms. The new school will accommodate the current and future student population, both academically and physically.

Lance Whitehead of Lavallee Brensinger Architects completed the presentation with a detailed description of the new site, school, and how the new school will be a much needed improvement for the town of Sanford and the sending communities. Peter Geiger moved to approve, and Martha Harris confirmed the motion.

In a previous meeting, committee members had asked for an explanation of increased school construction costs. Mr. Brown gave several examples and a hand out explaining the rising costs.

A discussion was raised about future meetings being held on Friday instead of Monday starting with the New Year, 2015. November and December dates will remain and future meetings will be discussed at the November meeting.

There being no further business, the Committee voted unanimously to adjourn at 11:00 a.m.