

GREATER FALL RIVER VOCATIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
HOUSEBUILDING/FACILITIES SUB-COMMITTEE MINUTES  
SUPERINTENDENT'S CONFERENCE ROOM  
JUNE 13, 2019

In attendance: Donald DiBiasio, Paul Jennings, Joan Menard, Gregory Brilhante, Elvio Ferreira, and Deborah Kenney.

The meeting began with a roll call at 4:52 p.m.

It was moved by Mr. Jennings, seconded by Ms. Menard, and voted unanimously to dispense with the reading of the May 14, 2019 minutes and approve them, as recorded.

Mrs. Kenney explained that two bids were received for the Security vestibule project – E5 Builders, Leominster, MA - \$93,400 and Kneeland Construction, Medford, MA - \$184,050. Mr. Greg Smolley of Drummey Rosane Anderson, Inc. reported that reference checks were made on E5 Builders and they came back positive. There was an alternate bid to change the security window to a transactional window, which will cost \$10,098. Mr. DiBiasio asked whether the transactional window is necessary. Mr. Smolley explained that the transactional window is an option. Mrs. Kenney explained that the funds will come from E&D or the Capital Improvement Account. There is over \$400,000 in the Capital Improvement Account. Mr. Smolley provided an overview of the materials that will be used. There was discussion about the scope of the project and logistics while the project is being completed. Mr. Smolley explained that a contract can be signed within two weeks. There is a 4-8 week lead-time for framework and glass.

It was moved by Mr. Jennings, seconded by Mr. DiBiasio, and voted unanimously to propose the project approval to the full body.

Mrs. Torres and Mr. Cabral provided an update on the 2018-19 housebuilding project – she commended the instructors and students. The house is complete and PICAN had the lottery in May. A family has been chosen for the home.

Mrs. Torres provided a report on the Fall River Fire Department and Fall River Water Dept. for an 80' x 100' structure. Diman has been asked to partner with them for the interior work – plumbing, heating, electrical, and carpentry. The project start date will be in December 2019. There is also a possibility that the project will not be complete until the summer of 2020. Mrs. Torres explained that there may be a glitch with the plumbing work, due to the state board issuing a plumbing permit. If that occurs, she will ask Mr. Gallagher to pull the permit for the city.

It was moved by Mr. Jennings, seconded by Ms. Menard, and voted unanimously to move forward with the project.

Mrs. Torres provided an overview of the projects list. Mr. Jennings suggested that the District work with the CDA for a house project for 2021 school year. Mrs. Torres explained that she has spoken with Mike Dion. There are many rehabs, but not full builds. Mr. Jennings also suggested that the Drafting Program draft three home designs for future homes. Mr. Mitch Sweet stated that the Drafting Department will create the drawings for homes between 1,500 – 1,750 square feet. There was a discussion about the District working with a nonprofit group for future housebuilding projects. Attorney Brilhante will follow up with Michael Dion regarding that possibility.

Dr. Ferreira provided an update on the following projects - Medical Assisting project has begun; B-Wing and C-Wing project (cabinetry and countertops) will be completed over the summer; installation of AC units; change the yellow school bus to a maintenance vehicle, which will require painting it from yellow to white (to be completed by instructor and student); purchase a fifth shop vehicle over the summer; and,

installation of electrical panel in the Automotive Technology. Mrs. Kenney explained that the District is looking to purchase a used microbus for the shops. There was a discussion about using the vehicle for both the shops and extracurricular activities. It was agreed that the vehicles will not be assigned to a particular shop. Mr. Jennings asked for a package on pricing for a microbus. Mr. Glenn Benevides suggested getting a use minivan with seats that can be removed. This item will be discussed at the August meeting.

The electrical panels item will be added to the full Committee agenda for approval.

It was moved by Mr. Jennings, seconded by Ms. Menard, and voted unanimously to adjourn the Sub-Committee meeting at 5:29 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Materials Included: May 14, 2019 Minutes  
Projects List  
Bids for Security Vestibule Project