

High School Building Committee
 Revere High School Committee Room
 101 School Street
 Revere, MA 02151

Mayor Brian Arrigo- Chair	Susan Gravellese-Vice Chair		
Stacey Bronsdon-Rizzo	Donald Ciaramella	Jennifer Hayes	Patrick Keefe
Dianne Kelly	Christopher Bowen	Michael Piccardi	Nicholas Rystrom
Carl Svendsen	Richard Viscay	Jerry Visconti	Brian Dakin
Linda Liporto	James Riefstahl	Jim Rogers	Lynn Stapleton
Robert Bell	Daniel Colli	Joe Drown	Dawn Guarriello
Jim Hervol	Rachel Whitmore	John Laperle	Dave Gorman
Kristy Lyons	Tim Ericson	Chris Hamel	

Meeting Minutes for April 13, 2023

A meeting of the High School Building Committee was held on April 13, 2023 at 7:00 pm, online via Zoom Meeting format. Committee members and attendees present were:

<u>Voting Member</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Notes</u>
Brian Arrigo-Chair		X	
Stacey Bronsdon-Rizzo	X		
Donald Ciaramella	X		
Susan Gravellese	X		
Jennifer Hayes	X		Left at 7:23pm
Patrick Keefe	X		
Dianne Kelly	X		Arrived at 7:23pm
Christopher Bowen	X		
Michael Piccardi		X	
Nicholas Rystrom	X		Left at 7:34pm
Carl Svendsen	X		
Richard Viscay	X		Left at 7:36pm
Gerry Visconti		X	
<u>Project Team Members</u>			
Brian Dakin	X		Leftfield-Project Manager
Linda Liporto	X		Leftfield-Project Manager
James Riefstahl		X	Leftfield - Project Director
Jim Rogers		X	Leftfield Owner
Lynn Stapleton		X	Leftfield-Project Executive
Robert Bell		X	Perkins Eastman-Principal-Educational Programming
Daniel Colli	X		Perkins Eastman-Principal-Project Manager
Joe Drown		X	Perkins Eastman-Principal In Charge
Dawn Guarriello		X	Perkins Eastman-Associate Principal-Designer
Ti Johnson		X	Warner Larson-Associate Principal
Sameer Bhoite		X	Warner Larson-Design Director
David Warner		X	Warner Larson-Owner
Jim Hervol		X	Consigli Project Executive
Rachel Whitmore	X		Consigli Senior Project Manager

John Laperle		X	Consigli General Superintendent
Dave Gorman		X	Consigli Senior Superintendent
Kristy Lyons		X	Senior Pre-Construction Manager
Tim Ericson		X	Chief Estimator
Chris Hamel, LEED AP		X	Senior M/E/P Manager

Attendees: Joseph Lewin

Meeting was called to order by Susan Gravellese at 7:05pm.

2– General Project Update

Leftfield (Brian Dakin) presented. The team reported the City Council voted to send the project back to the existing site. The School Committee has voted to appropriate funds for the repeat feasibility study at the existing site. The meeting on April 25th for the School Building Committee will have a request for approval of the contract amendments for Leftfield, Consigli and Perkins Eastman. The team also discussed the future timeline for the repeat feasibility study. The team is also requesting a vote tonight to approve the funds allocation and approve the repeat feasibility study at the current high school site.

Richard Viscay-What exactly did the school committee vote in regards to funding?

Leftfield responded through transcription via YouTube the team stated the following: “A motion by Susan to instruct the superintendent to work with city CFO Rich Viscay to allow the re-appropriation of funds to support the new schematic design at the existing site assuming the MSBA allows another schematic design process and assuming the city council will do their due diligence in efforts to pay the cost without using school department funds.” That motion passed 5-0 with 2 absent.

Richard Viscay-That motion doesn’t appropriate any funds at this point. How can we go forward without any funds?

Leftfield responded the understanding in the motion is the school committee approved a reduction in the budget \$2.3mil with the request the city council find a way to pay for it.

Richard Viscay-We need clarification. If they didn’t reduce their budget by \$2.3mil with a transfer of funds then there are no funds available.

Leftfield responded the understanding is they did.

Richard Viscay-Can anyone from the school committee clarify the motion?

Leftfield reiterated the purpose of the meeting tonight is to reaffirm wanting to proceed at the existing site and repeat the feasibility study.

Patrick Keefe-It’s another \$2.3mil, are there any redundancies in the former feasibility study that can lessen the blow or perhaps any that overlap that wouldn’t be necessary to repeat? I am finding it hard to understand why the repeat feasibility study is costing another \$2.3mil and I want to make the process work too.

Leftfield responded. The \$2.3 is a budget, and hopefully on the 25th the council will move this forward, and the contract amendments will have a better description of what the team wants to do within the \$2.3mil. There are some pieces in the feasibility we wouldn’t need to repeat but there are some added pieces that increase the cost with Article 97 and the culvert replacement. We would like to take another look at the design and readdress how to put a building on the site.

Patrick Keefe-By the school department taking a cut on the \$2.3mil what is it being reduced by? What budget is that reduced by?

Susan Gravellese-In January the school committee voted on the \$2.3mil to help support the continuation of the project moving forward with the design team. The committee wanted to take the same funds and move them to this to continue with this project.

Leftfield responded, it is the teams' understanding it is unallocated ESSER grant funds. Susan Gravellese confirmed this understanding.

Perkins Eastman spoke about the cost of the amendments. The team will need to go back and redo 75% of the process. The team will need to design a new building because the building designed for the Wonderland site will not fit on the existing site and is not appropriate for the site. The consultants are normally not aware of everything that comes with the project, but now they are fully aware of the obstacles for this project and are submitting numbers that are more appropriate for the amount of work for this project, examples are permitting fees, Article 97, etc.

Dianne Kelly arrived.

Richard Viscay-I just want to make sure I understand the vote from last night was for the city to transfer funds from the school appropriation to the capital project appropriation.

Dianne Kelly-I believed that is correct but there was a city councilor that was on the meeting and they thought the city was going to allocate those funds, so we modified the vote to allow the reclassification for the city to come up with the funds on their own.

Richard Viscay-To be clear the quickest way would be for us to propose to the council the transfer of funds from the school to the capital project fund for the school project. I just want to make sure I'm making the correct formal motion to the council, than what was presented.

Dianne Kelly-I think that is the way it's presented. I think the city council needs to figure out if they want to take some or all of those funds from some other source.

Richard Viscay-Ok great, I just wanted to be efficient with the transfer of the funds.

Nicholas Rystrom-What are the consequences if the building committee does not support this in a vote tonight?

Leftfield responded the consequences are we cannot present a plan that all three of the committees have signed off before the April 27th deadline that we owe the MSBA. If we present them [MSBA] a funded plan then they will move forward, then they will be on board, if there is no plan then the city's risk of not moving forward increases and the MSBA can say you are not really ready and we [Revere] are out of the pipeline.

Dianne Kelly-I just wanted to add; this decision weighed heavily on the school committee and reluctantly they voted to build at the existing site. The thought is: having a project is better than no project. Reluctantly they voted to support schematic design at the existing site. I would urge the school building committee to do the same, acknowledging this is not what we wanted but knowing that the kids need something. It doesn't mean that the conversation at the city can't continue or we might end up at Wonderland in the end anyway but it's a better alternative than losing the project all together.

3-Motion to Approve Proceeding with Feasibility Study at the Current High School Site

Motion for the school building committee allow for the feasibility study to happen at the existing high school site provided that the city council approves a transfer of \$2.3mil from the school fund to the capital project fund was made by Richard Viscay, Dianne Kelly 2nd the motion.

Roll Call:

<u>Voting Member</u>	<u>In Favor</u>	<u>Opposed</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Present</u>
Brian Arrigo-Chair			X	
Stacey Bronsdon-Rizzo	X			
Donald Ciaramella	X			

Susan Gravellese	X			
Jennifer Hayes			X	
Patrick Keefe				X
Dianne Kelly	X			
Christopher Bowen	X			
Michael Piccardi			X	
Nicholas Rystrom	X			
Carl Svendsen	X			
Richard Viscay	X			
Gerry Visconti			X	

5-Other Business/Discussions

There is no other business or discussion at this time.

4-Public Comment

Jessica Simpson-24 Grand Ave-I wanted to familiarize myself with the process. As a resident, I have major concerns in general about the construction, building and the affects it could have on the surrounding streets, houses and yards and everything, I just please moving forward with the feasibility study, I have no doubt that all the proper engineering and all of the building will be great for a state of the art high school but I do worry about the dilapidated structure of the current neighborhood and how that can affect the water we get, the flooding we get, that increases every single year, especially this year, foundation issues amongst construction disruption but most concern with property and the effect it can have on our properties and our life over here. I just wanted to voice my concern.

6-Vote to Adjourn Meeting

Motion to adjourn was made by Nicholas Rystrom, Susan Gravellese 2nd the motion.

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Nicholas Rystrom			X	
Carl Svendsen	X			
Richard Viscay	X			
Gerry Visconti			X	