

**Minutes from the
Regular Meeting of the
Central School Building Committee
on February 6, 2024**

A meeting of the East Bridgewater Central School Building Committee was held on Tuesday, February 6, 2024, at 5:00 PM at the Jr./Sr. High School Library.

In attendance were: Assistant Superintendent Dr. Gina Williams, School Business Manager John Shea, Select Board Member Carole Julius, Town Accountant Melanie Dean, Brian Kiely, John Haines, Karen Harhen Finance Committee, Meghan McLaughlin, Joe Rodricks, Donald McDougall, and Rebecca Fidler School Committee, Kate Byrne, Gordon McKinnon

Not in attendance: Dagne Fleming, David Horton, Liz Legault, Dan Picha, Charlie Seelig

Meeting was opened at 5:02pm by Chair, Gina Williams Motion – Dean/Kiely

Also in attendance: n/a

Reports & Discussions:

- Comments on the 1/2/24 meeting minutes – none – motion to approve 1/2/24 meeting minutes
 - Motion – Shea/McKinnon, Approved unanimously
- No MSBA updates – still on track for their 2/28/24 meeting
- We have already heard from firms interested in applying for the OPM position, we are referring them to wait for the posting
- Subcommittee update – Tour Committee
 - Discussion of how to have public tour Central School, have 2 tours schedule with 12 people interested, would like to also offer a digital tour and have brochures available, not sure if this would come from the Communications Committee
 - Liz has reached out to Easton to discuss touring their new school, how does the Committee want to move forward with scheduling tours since 100% availability of all members is highly unlikely
- Discussed that it makes sense to wait to have an OPM before touring schools
- Are any rebuild or remodels that can be toured, rather than all new construction
- Can we pose questions to staff of the buildings, maintenance and teachers, for example, on what they like or dislike about the building, as well as asking about their OPM and feasibility study process

- Communications Sub Committee update –
 - Has not met in person
 - Discussed funding opportunities for website, mailings, etc
 - Do we want a dedicated website or to continue to post through town website
 - Overall feeling is that we want to get as much information to the public as possible and that the OPM will be hugely helpful directing us in this area
- Discussion of the timeline to hire an OPM, hoping that we can meet right after the 2/28/24 MSBA meeting and get moving on hiring an OPM to hopefully have one in place by May 1 and they will then help us get rolling with the feasibility study
- Discussion of if the Committee needs to approved the RFQ before it goes out, MSBA does provide templates
- Brian Kiely mentioned that a Statement of Interest is being submitted for the accelerated repairs program within the MSBA for the roof and windows at Mitchell , Central School will be listed as the priority
- Discussion of how to keep communications open between now and when an OPM is put in place – planning to keep information accessible on the website – potentially have an email sign up for notifications at the February Town Meeting
- Next meeting is set for March 5th at 5 o'clock in the Library for the Jr/Sr High School
- Motion to adjourn meeting at 6:02
 - Motion – Harhen/Rodericks
 - Approve unanimously

Public Comments

None

Respectfully Submitted by,

Melanie Dean
Secretary

***** The listing of matters are those reasonably anticipated by the Chair which may be discussed at the meeting. Not all items listed may in fact be discussed and other items not listed may also be brought up for discussion to the extent permitted by law.**