

**Minutes from the
Regular Meeting of the
Central School Building Committee
on March 5, 2024**

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

In attendance were: Gina Williams, Carole Julius, Melanie Dean, Brian Kiely, John Haines, Meghan McLaughlin, Joe Rodricks, Donald McDougall, Rebecca Fidler, Kate Byrne, Charlie Seelig, Dan Picha, David Horton, Dagny Fleming

Not in attendance: Liz Legault, John Shea, Karen Harhen, Gordon McKinnon

Meeting was opened at 5:03pm by Chair, Gina Williams Motion – Seelig/Byrne

Also in attendance: n/a

Reports & Discussions:

- Comments on the 2/6/24 meeting minutes – none – motion to approve 2/6/24 meeting minutes
 - Motion – Seelig/Byrne, Approved unanimously
- We were invited to the MSBA board meeting and Phase II meeting on 2/28/24 – notes from those meetings are attached
 - We can send draft RFS on 3/14/24 to the MSBA for review and vote on 3/28/24 to let us advertise for OPM
 - Applications will be reviewed as they come in
 - Time line is set in attached notes
 - Vote to add Charlie Seelig to the selection committee Motion – Kiely/Dean vote – unanimous
 - Brian is working on the RFS template and will be reviewed by the selection committee for edits on 3/11/24, they will then vote to submit the document by 3/14/24
 - Projected cost was discussed at \$75-100m
 - Motion to allow subcommittee to approve RFS to be sent to MSBA – Haines/Picha – vote – unanimous

- Update from the tour committee – 15 of the 18 people registered attended the 2/15/24 tour of Central School, Brian lead the tour and there were many questions, there was lots of positive feedback for the project after the tour
- Looking at options for a video tour to reach more residents
- Also discussed ways to shorten the tour, establishing a slide show, posting people in different areas of the building during tours, and how we would like to ask the OPM's on their capabilities during interviews
- Discussed that the tour committee will also be visiting other schools but are waiting for more direction about when to do that, also noted that the MSBA wants teachers to be part of the visits for their feedback
- Update from communications subcommittee - much of their work is waiting for the OPM to come on board – trying to think of ways to get people to buy into the project that might not be currently in favor – also wants to make sure there is a clear tunnel of communication from the OPM to the communications subcommittee – this should be fine because the OPM sends everything through the building committee, not directly
- Discussion of centralized communication method to the entire public – we have a website and we have parent square which is only school parents - we were kind of on hold until we have an OPM to help with a website – we did announce approval from MSBA at the 2/28/24 meeting via press release – Facebook – town website – Should we also be working on a mailer with instructions on how to sign up for information – additionally have flyers at COA, library, etc
- Communications should come from committee and should have a list of everywhere it gets posted – vote to require all communications to be reviewed by the communication committee before it gets released to public – Motion - Haines/Rodericks Vote - unanimous
- Discussion on how to get information to people – how do they want the information, and what information do they want
- Discussion of any talk around the community, and also a reminder to members of other boards and committees to keep their members informed
- Next communication will likely be that we have the RFS to advertise
- Timeline after RFS is issued would likely be to obtain a short list of responders to interview the week of April 22, and April 30th would approve selection, May 8th would be date for MSBA to approve
- Next meetings are set for April 2, April 30, and June 4 at 5 o'clock in the Library for the Jr/Sr High School
- Motion to adjourn meeting at 6:21
 - Motion – Williams/Kiely
 - Approve unanimous

Public Comments

None

Respectfully Submitted by,

Melanie Dean
Secretary

Minutes were approved on 4/2/24

***** 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.**