
**JOINT SPECIAL SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE
THURSDAY, JULY 22, 2021
NHS NORTH BOARD ROOM**

A meeting of the JSSBC was held at NHS North on **Thursday, July 22, 2021**. Alderman Dowd called the meeting to order at **7:04 p.m.**

Present: Alderman Dowd, Alderwoman Wilshire, Alderwoman Harriott-Gathright, Alderwoman Klee, Alderwoman Lu, Ms. Raymond, Ms. Giglio, Ms. Johnson

Also Present: Mr. Smith, Mr. Oullette, Mr. DuBois, Mr. Lemarier, Mr. Rodriguez

*This meeting & **Presentations** can be watched in their entirety at:*

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PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL – June 24, 2021

Alderman Dowd moved to waive the reading of the JSSBC meeting minutes of Thursday, **June 24, 2021**, accept them and place them on file. **So voted unanimously by roll call.**

REMARKS BY CHAIRMAN

Alderman Dowd

The meeting in August will be at Fairgrounds Middle School. At 6:00 p.m. we will do a tour, and hopefully it will be 99.5% complete. And we'll then have the meeting right afterwards somewhere in the school, which we'll figure out before then. I want everyone to know that we now have a signed purchase and sale for the last piece of property access for the new middle school. We have a few minor things to do for the closing, but we're good to go, and we now have total access to that property for whatever we need to do.

REMARKS BY SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION

Mr. Smith

Mr. Parker indicated he had another engagement tonight, so he couldn't attend. And I just want to draw your attention to a clerical error that I made last month with the invoices. You made the proper approvals for all the finances, so the numbers that were shown on the agenda were correct. However on the financial sheet for PMS... for surveying you approved \$1,028.50 and I only had \$802.50 on my financial sheet. And then for commissioning services, you approved \$5,696.56 and I only had \$2,200 on my financial sheet. So on this month's sheets there are asterisks on those two lines, and that's just to indicate that I made that correction. So we're up to date as of the new financial sheets.

ARCHITECT'S REPORT - Harriman

Mr. Oullette

Good evening. I'll start my Presentation tonight with an update on all 3 middle schools, and a very brief update on 55 Franklin Street, and then we'll review the schedule.

*Mr. Oullette gave his PowerPoint Presentation, which can be seen in its entirety:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FD_1kvYs3-o&t=255s*

CONSTRUCTION MANAGER'S REPORT – Harvey

Mr. Lemarier

Good evening everybody. As Jamie mentioned earlier, I'll take you through all the construction progress on our side of things. I'll start with PMS and then move on to FMS.

*Mr. Lemarier gave PowerPoint Presentation of project updates, which can be accessed at:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FD_1kvYs3-o&t=1738s*

Alderman Dowd

There's a lot of work being done right now. Do you have the change orders, Ken?

Mr. Lemarier

Yes, those are the next two items on the agenda. So everyone should have a packet that I handed out, and these are included in the packets that you got electronically as well.

This is Prime Contract Change Order (PCCO) #3. And again, PCCO's are comprised of all the previously approved PCO's that were approved by this group. So this is more of a formality so it can be included in the billing. So this is PCCO is for PMS, and it includes PCO's #'s: 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14 and 15 for a total of \$97,616.88.

ALDERWOMAN WILSHIRE MOVED TO APPROVE PCCO #3.

SO VOTED.

Alderman Dowd

And the next one is Change Order #16.

Mr. Lemarier

Correct. So this is a Potential Change Order (PCO) that was presented to Alderman Dowd, I believe last week. And this is a revised sewer design. We had a design that was purchased with the design documents, and then we ran into some underground existing conflicts with existing drainage pipe runs that needed to remain. So with the help of

Harriman and our folks in the field, we were able to come up with an alternate solution, which allowed us to avoid using a pump system which would have been very expensive. So this was an alternate route that was decided upon. So there is a credit associated with this work, but ultimately there was an add for the amount of piping that needed to be installed. That's highlighted in the drawings that were included with the Change Order.

Ms. Johnson

When you originally did the design, did you use a camera down the sewer pipes to see how it goes?

Mr. Lemarier

Yes, they do use a camera. The issue here was that you always have to have adequate pitch to allow the water to drain, and there's an existing reinforced concrete pipe that's larger than anticipated and wouldn't allow us to install the pipe as designed, with the pitch that was given to us.

MS. RAYMOND MOVED TO VERIFY THE APPROVAL OF PCO #16 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6,142.68.

SO VOTED.

IT PROPOSAL FOR FMS AND PMS

Mr. Rodriguez

To complete the split pair cabling rework for PMS and FMS, there are 3 closets that need to be addressed. Because split pairs are really old and unused form of wiring in buildings, and was a cost savings method about 20-25 years ago. So to remove that and to bring all the connections from 2 connections to 1 per wire, is going to cost \$5,612 at FMS for one closet, and \$19,271 at PMS for IDF's 1 and 2. So that's all for a total of \$24,883, and the work will be performed by Telnet Technologies.

Alderman Dowd

So you've heard the proposed expense that has to be done to upgrade the IT system at the two schools, and that would be part of the bond. Would anyone like to make that motion?

Ms. Raymond

I'll make the motion. I have to be honest; I have no idea what any of that meant. But I believe very strongly that we need appropriate wiring and cabling for our students.

Alderman Dowd

Yes. Mr. Rodriguez, could you just tell people what the impact of those changes would have on the IT?

Mr. Rodriguez

Sure. So across the District we've made this a priority; to bring our split pair which is a bad way of wiring, to a single connection. So the impact will be to improve connectivity and speeds for all the computers and network devices that are connected to the Internet via wire.

Ms. Raymond

So we have switched over to the Amplify Science Curriculum, which is online for our middle schoolers. And we have a significant amount of World Language and some ELA Curriculum which is online for students to access with Chromebooks. And I've heard in the past that if everyone's using it at once, it can be difficult. So will this resolve those issues?

Mr. Rodriguez

Part of the project was to improve our wireless connectivity throughout the building. So at North and South and all the elementary schools, we've upgraded the switching and the wireless. So we now have high density access points similar to the ones that are in this room right now, and can hold 100 devices per access point, as opposed to the older ones, which can hold around 25-30, pushing it. So this should be able to comfortably handle connections including cell phones, Chromebooks, laptops.

Ms. Raymond

Well we don't particularly want students to be playing with their cell phones, but I do want them to be able to access their Science Curriculum.

Mr. Rodriguez

Yes, this should be a massive improvement to what they're used to.

Ms. Raymond

Fantastic, so I'll make the motion.

Alderman Dowd

Greg, I had a little discussion with Mr. Donovan... is there any possibility that this cost could be covered under the Covid funding?

Mr. Rodriguez

I'm not sure; I'd have to talk to Mr. Donovan about that.

Alderman Dowd

We think we might be able to, in which case we'd transfer the money. But I don't know how close he is on the definition on how that money can be spent. The School District got an extensive amount of money from that, but we don't know how it can be spent. I think some of it is going to be used for the Franklin Street building. But I just bring it up as a point.

Ms. Raymond

We can follow up with Mr. Donovan about that, it's very complicated.

Alderwoman Lu

I'm a little foggy on how these changes affect the contingency. Because it seems like it's an increase in the scope of the project.

Alderman Dowd

This is actually to make the capability of the school the way it should be, to go along with all the changes we're making, and it is covered under contingency. We have a very good reserve in contingency, so this doesn't impact it at all.

Mr. Smith

Actually we had the foresight to anticipate IT expenditures. So Mr. Rodriguez, Harriman and I put a line in the budget for IT and this is covered in that. So this doesn't come out of contingency.

Alderman Dowd

Right, I forgot about that... this doesn't come out of contingency.

MS. RAYMOND MOVED TO APPROVE THE INTERNET CABLING UPGRADE AT PMS AND FMS, TO BE DONE BY TELNET TECHNOLOGIES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$24,883.

SO VOTED.

INVOICES

Mr. Smith

We have some invoices tonight on the amended agenda, which I'll read through for you.

Read through the following invoices:

Harriman Invoices, Total \$99,947.15
\$69,414.11 - NMS
\$13,969.46 – FMS
\$16,563.58 – PMS

Harvey Invoices, Total \$2,096,638.20
\$750,502.31 – FMS
\$1,346,135.89 – PMS

Hayner/Swanson Invoice
\$394.80 – NMS

John Turner Consulting Invoice
\$910.00 – PMS

Page Street Storage Invoice
\$95.00 FMS

Vanasse & Associates Invoices, Total \$24,771.57
\$6,446.80 – NMS
\$15,024.04 – PMS
\$3,300.73 – NMS

Williams Scotsman Invoices, Total \$79,700.30
\$43,766.44 - FMS
\$35,933.86 – FMS

And all that comes to a grand total of **\$2,302,457.02**

Alderman Dowd

Okay, I'm looking for a motion.

**ALDERWOMAN WILSHIRE MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING INVOICES, TO:
HARRIMAN A&E FOR \$99,947.15; HARVEY CONSTRUCTION FOR \$2,096,638.20;
HAYNER/SWANSON FOR \$394.80; PAGE STREET RENTALS FOR \$95.00; JOHN TURNER
CONSULTING FOR \$910.00; VANASSE & ASSOCIATES FOR \$24,771.57; WILLIAM
SCOTSMAN FOR \$79,700.30, FOR A TOTAL OF \$2,302,457.02.**

SO VOTED.

Alderman Dowd

There is one thing I forgot to mention up front. I think everyone knows that there's going to be a permanent traffic signal put for PMS at Manchester Street. However because of all the work that has to be done for the lane changes, moving poles and a whole bunch of other things, we're putting in a temporary traffic light starting next week. And it will be in place until they've done all the final work on the intersection design.

COMMENTS BY COMMITTEE MEMBERS**Alderwoman Klee**

I'm glad to see that the PMS traffic light is coming in, and that Vanasse is doing all that they're doing at all the schools; it's very important. And regarding the furniture delays we're seeing, I want to say that I just purchased a sofa last night, and it won't be delivered until November 10th. And there's nothing special about it, it just takes a long time to get things these days. But as far as the traffic is concerned, I see good changes coming over at PMS, and I'm very glad.

Alderman Dowd

Yeah, Alderwoman Klee in the past has stood out at the PMS intersection and tried to direct traffic for people who aren't paying attention. And there are about 5-6 easements related to the PMS, though not all relating to us. So I'm dealing with 5-6 different companies almost everyday along with Attorney Leonard. There's a lot of work going on.

Ms. Raymond

I just wanted to say how pleased I am with all of those easements and all those different companies, and how everybody is kind of playing nice over at PMS. Everyone has the best interest of the schools in mind, and are working together to move poles and make sure things aren't impacting each other. So I really appreciate the community engagement on that. And I also wanted to just thank everyone for making sure that that temporary light goes up now, so that people and the community can get accustomed to stopping there. We have about a month to practice, before students are trying to cross the street there. So hopefully that will be enough time for people to make accommodations.

Alderman Dowd

I believe as part of the temporary light, we're also moving the crosswalk from the north to the south, so kids come straight across onto the school property sidewalk.

Ms. Raymond

Yes that's smart I, like that plan... I'm excited about it. And I'm also optimistic about the FMS traffic and the extensive signage that has gone up over that. So thanks for all of that. I'm excited to see it all, and this focus on working together with the City, having all the departments working together so our kids can have a safe return to school next month.

Mr. Smith

I hate to end things on a sad note, but Mike Halliday who was the Superintendent for Harvey Construction, passed away last month. The Harvey family was very affected by that, as he was a long time employee there. He was the Head Superintendent for Fairgrounds Elementary School, Charlotte Avenue, Broad Street, Sunset Heights and then FMS. So he had a big impact on Nashua schools, and will be missed.

Mr. DuBois

To lighten it up, I can tell you that in-between Nashua projects, we moved Michael to a school in Dover, and I never heard the end of it from him... saying, "When am I going back to Nashua? I want to retire finishing up my schools in Nashua." And his long-term goal was for him to finish his career building the new middle school. He had a love for Nashua, I can tell you that.

Alderman Dowd

We're working with Harvey to do something, but we don't know just what it will be yet. But he had a large, large impact on all of our schools, and he will be missed.

Our next meeting is August 26, 2021. At 6:00 p.m. we'll be doing a tour of FMS, followed by the JSSBC meeting at FMS. And just before that, the Back to School event will be at the Library.

Ms. Raymond

Yes, everyone should know about the Back to School event at the Nashua Public Library. All of our community partners will there, and they'll be school supplies and all the Principals will there... and it's not to be missed. As for our JSSBC meeting, is the tour open to the public... is the meeting opened to the public?

Alderman Dowd

The meetings are always public, but I don't think we're ready to open up the tour to the public yet.

Ms. Raymond

So people who want to attend the meeting, that won't start until our usual time of 7:00? And we'll announce somewhere on the agenda on the website the exact location and building that people should go to.

Alderman Dowd

Yes. We'll probably have a couple of people running different tours, rather than trying to have 30 people all going around at the same time. And there will also be a time for an Open House for the public, but not that night.

Ms. Raymond

Right, I think that was going to be in September. Okay, so great... I just wanted to make sure anybody wanting to attend the JSSB meeting doesn't have to rush from the Library to make it to FMS by 6:00. Anybody wanting to attend that meeting should come later at 7:00 and follow the signs to the meeting place. Which is good, that gives them more time to meet with their Principals and chat about the upcoming school year. Thank you.

Ms. Raymond moved to adjourn. **So voted at 8:21p.m.**

Submitted by Jacki Waters