
JOINT SPECIAL SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE
THURSDAY, JULY 23, 2020
VIA ZOOM (Teleconference)

An online meeting of the JSSBC was held at via Zoom on **Thursday, July 23, 2020**. Alderman Dowd called the meeting to order at **7:00 p.m.**

Present: Alderman Dowd, Alderwoman Wilshire, Alderwoman Klee, Alderwoman Harriott-Gathright, Ms. Brown, Mr. Guarino, Ms. Raymond

Also Present: Mr. Smith, Mr. Oullette, Mr. DuBois, Mr. Lemarier, Ms. Misco, Mr. Lee (7:20)

Everyone present stated why they were participating remotely, where they were, and that they were alone.

This meeting and Presentation can be can be watched in its entirety at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aJ7KHVNTpmg>

Presentations & referenced documents, including contract bids can be accessed on at:

<https://www.nashuanh.gov/AgendaCenter/Search/?term=&CIDs=37,&startDate=07/20/2020&endDate=07/31/2020&dateRange=&dateSelector=>

Alderman Dowd

As Chairman of the JSSBC, I find that due to the State of Emergency declared by the Governor as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic and in accordance with the Governor's Emergency Order #12 pursuant to Executive Order 2020-04, this public body is authorized to meet electronically.

Please note that there is no physical location to observe and listen contemporaneously to this meeting, which was authorized pursuant to the Governor's Emergency Order. However, in accordance with the Emergency Order, I am confirming that we are providing public access to the meeting by telephone, with additional access possibilities by video or other electronic means. To access Zoom, please refer to the agenda or the City's website for the meeting link. To join by phone dial: 1-929-205-6099; Meeting ID: 87450429188#; Password: 679997#.

We previously gave notice to the public of the necessary information for accessing the meeting through public postings. Instructions have also been provided on the City of Nashua's website at www.nashuanh.gov and publicly noticed at City Hall and the Hunt Memorial Library. If anybody has a problem accessing the meeting via phone or Channel 99, please call 603-821-2049 and they will help you connect. In the event the public is unable to access the meeting via the methods mentioned above, the meeting will be adjourned and rescheduled. Please note that all votes that are taken during this meeting shall be done by roll call vote.

PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL – July 6, 2020

Alderman Dowd moved to waive the reading of the JSSBC meeting minutes of **Monday, July 6, 2020**, accept them and place them on file. **So voted unanimously by roll call.**

REMARKS BY CHAIRMAN

Alderman Dowd

We're going to try and make the meeting quick and approve a couple of contracts.

REMARKS BY SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION

Mr. Smith

Note that you have received two packages this week. And regarding the lockers at FMS, we're going to eventually replace all those. They've been removed and are currently sitting in the gymnasium. I've notified the Police, Fire and Public Works and a couple of other organizations, that they're available. There are quite a few of them that are still in good shape, so if you know any organizations please contact me.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF INVOICES

Architect's Report - Harriman

Mr. Oullette, Project Manager Harriman

I will go ahead and pull up the Presentation on the screen for you.

Gave PowerPoint Presentation which can be watched at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aJ7KHVNTpmg>

Alderman Dowd

You've already met with staff and Central Office and everyone to lay out the school, and I've spoken to Shawn about having a more detailed JSSBC meeting with a more detailed design at some point. And I'd like to have a meeting with the full BOE before we get to the construction documents, because after that, changes are more problematic and costly. So we'll be figuring all that out as we go.

Mr. Oullette

Yes, we have met with those parties you mentioned, and we're not done meeting with them. We haven't yet had a full round discussion with the Kitchen Director, and we need to meet again with the SPED Director and other Directors, as we did with FMS. But we definitely need another round... this is just a schematic level.

Alderman Dowd

Even though we have a majority of the BOE at this level, I would still like to have a meeting with the full BOE to make sure we're meeting all the requirements of the School Department.

Mr. Oullette

Absolutely, that's not a problem. I would suggest we get a couple more meetings in with staff members, so we can also come to that meeting with information provided from the perspective of the staff and teachers.

Alderman Dowd

Absolutely. I just wanted to put that out on the table so the BOE members knew that they were going to get their detailed look. But I think we can probably get something reasonable on a PowerPoint later.

Mr. Oullette

Absolutely.

Alderwoman Klee

I love the design, I think it's wonderful. The outside structure with the glass and all, kind of gave me a little pause for security. Is that an issue for security?

Mr. Oullette

There are windows all throughout the building, and clearly there's always some concern with windows. But we can bring the level up a little on those, which will make it a little more challenging to get in. Visibility is good too... you don't always want to close everything up in a box. You want to make sure that people can be seen as well, but with a level of aspect of keeping people secure. So we'll review that too, based on that comment.

Alderman Dowd

There are security issues both ways, but if you look at the high schools they're all glass.

Alderwoman Klee

It looked like it was a full glass stairwell, so my concern was more about getting out. It looked like there'd be no place to hide.

Mr. Oullette

It's one corner... it's not the whole stairwell. So there are spaces in each one of those stairwells to take refuge out of the way. And not only that, but we're looking at putting laminated glass and stuff at the access points of the doors, and some of the doors have bullet-proof glass at the vestibules, etc. So security is definitely thought about and we're reviewing the plans with the Director of Safety & Security for the NSD as well.

Alderwoman Klee

Perfect, thank you.

Alderman Dowd

Plus the designs that they're following and their guidelines... they've done a number of schools and a lot of the ideas that they've come up with are what's being done nationwide in schools.

Mr. Oullette

We also have met and will continue to meet with Police and Fire to keep reviewing those kinds of things as well.

Alderwoman Klee

Perfect, thank you.

Construction Manager's Report – Harvey / Approval of Sub Contracts / Approval of Pre-approved Sub Contracts**Mr. DuBois**

Just an update on the status of FMS and PMS. We're under construction in earnest, and we try to get as much done as possible while the schools are empty. I can say we've finished the bidding process for all the subcontractors for FMS, and are compiling what's called a Guaranteed Maximum Price Estimate (GMP), which then gets converted into a contract. I can say with a good bit of certainty that we will be at or below the number that was originally budgeted for this project with the GMP. We had some favorable pricing and are just making sure that we have everything accounted for. I'm hoping that by next week we can send a draft out to Harriman, Alderman Dowd and Shawn Smith for an early review. And once that's done I can package it all in a bow and have the final portion of the contract prepared for Alderman Dowd's signature. So we're hoping to get the review portion out by next week.

Regarding PMS our teams are working closely with Jamie and his team. We have a schedule that really shows us starting in earnest on the vestibule renovations August 1st. And we'll be starting the site work approximately the same time. The contracts that you folks approved over the last couple of meetings have been put in place. So with that, I can take any questions you have.

Ms. Raymond

I'm really excited to get started on the vestibule project. I'm curious, if we were to start school on time in the building with some sort of hybrid schedule... and we have not decided that yet, but if we were to go that route would the vestibule be completed?

Mr. DuBois

The vestibule will be operational, less the window which won't show up until October. We will be talking with the Principal of that school to see how he wants to set it up and create the opening. And the only other thing that's a ways out would be the cabinet heater that gets suspended in the ceiling. Other than that we will have a plan in process once we get a little further along. And we'll meet with staff and make sure starting school won't be an issue, with whatever you guys decide on.

Ms. Raymond

Thank you.

Mr. DuBois

I'll turn it over to Ken to go through the awards we have for you tonight.

Mr. Lemarier

Thank you Carl. Tonight we have 6 packages for you to review and approve. The first package will be the recommendation to award for Plumbing and HVAC at FMS. We received 5 bids, and the chosen bidder is the low bid. We're recommending Eckhardt & Johnson for a total of \$955,862.

ALDERWOMAN WHILSHIRE MOVED TO AWARD THE CONTRACT FOR PLUMBING & HVAC AT FMS, TO ECKHARDT & JOHNSON IN THE AMOUNT OF \$955,862.

SO VOTED UNANIMOUSLY BY ROLL CALL.

Mr. Lemarier

The next package is for Glass & Glazing package for FMS. There were 3 bids received, and we're recommending Marvel Glass of Merrimack NH. They were the low bid for a total of \$181,530.

ALDERWOMAN HARRIOTT-GATHWRIGHT MOVED TO AWARD THE CONTRACT FOR GLASS & GLAZING AT FMS, TO MARVEL GLASS OF MERRIMACK, NH IN THE AMOUNT OF \$181,530.

SO VOTED UNANIMOUSLY BY ROLL CALL.

Mr. Lemarier

The next package is for Doors, Frames & Hardware for FMS. There were 3 bids received, and we're recommending Merrimack Building Supply, for a total of \$95,075.

MS. RAYMOND MOVED TO AWARD THE CONTRACT FOR DOORS, FRAMES & HARDWARE AT FMS, TO MERRIMACK BUIDLING SUPPLY, FOR A TOTAL OF \$95,075.

SO VOTED UNANIMOUSLY BY ROLL CALL.

Mr. Lemarier

The next package is for Drywall & Framing. There were 3 bids received, and we're recommending VPS Drywall, Nashua NH, for a total of \$155,838. They were the low bidder.

ALDERWOMAN WILSHIRE MOVED TO AWARD THE CONTRACT FOR DRYWALL & FRAMING, TO VPS DRYWALL, NASHUA NH, FOR A TOTAL OF \$155,838.

SO VOTED UNANIMOUSLY BY ROLL CALL.

Mr. Lemarier

The next package is for the Roofing. There were 3 bids received, and the recommend bidder is not the low bid. But after performing the scope reviews it was found that they had the more complete scope of work. So we're recommending Academy Roofing of Rindge, NH for a total of \$139,750. Included in this price is also an allowance of \$1,100 for walkway pads on the roof. So if that work is required, that would be tracked on time and material and it would not exceed that amount. That is included in the price.

MS. RAYMOND MOVED TO AWARD THE CONTRACT FOR ROOFING, TO ACADEMY ROOFING OF RINDGE NH, FOR A TOTAL OF \$139,750.

SO VOTED UNANIMOUSLY BY ROLL CALL.

Ms. Raymond

Is solar going on this portion of the roof or a different portion of the roof? I'm getting confused now.

Mr. Smith

I had a conversation with the solar company, and they're awaiting final approval by Eversource. They expect that to be coming through very soon and expect to start that work early August. And solar is going to cover the vast majority of the roof.

Mr. Lemarier

The final package is for Fire Protection & Sprinkler at FMS. There were 4 bids received, and we're recommending John L. Carter Sprinkler Company. They are the low bid, and it's a total of \$82,900. There is an add-on alternate here for a dedicated Fire Watch by John Carter Sprinkler Company, not the Fire Department. The alternate value is \$22,000. If accepted, the total value \$104,900.

Alderman Dowd

I'm sure someone's going to ask, so could you explain what a Fire Watch is?

Mr. Lemarier

The Fire Watch would be performed by a trained employee and competent person of John Carter Sprinklers, during school hours while they're there.

Alderman Dowd

And that is to do what?

Mr. DuBois

When we're working inside an existing school, in order to do that you have to take the system down. So essentially there's no sprinkler coverage while we're working on the system itself during normal school hours. So we can cover that in a number of ways. One is the Fire Department which from a cost standpoint would be much higher than what we're predicting here. Or have the subcontractor have somebody totally dedicated to walking the school, making

sure that it's not an issue, and that type of thing. The system will be put back online every night, but this is during the day while we're working on it.

MS. RAYMOND MOVED TO AWARD THE CONTRACT FOR FIRE PROTECTION & SPRINKLER TO JOHN L. CARTER SPRINKLER COMPANY OF RINDGE NH, FOR A TOTAL OF \$104,900, WHICH INCLUDES THE ALTERNATE #1 ADDED.

SO VOTED UNANIMOUSLY BY ROLL CALL.

Alderman Dowd

And between meetings, in order to get things put on order to have them in a reasonable amount of time, I approved the contract for Doors, Frames & Hardware to Merrimack Building Supply of Merrimack, in the amount of \$19,223.10. And I'd like a vote to agree with that.

ALDERMAN DOWD MOVED TO APPROVE THE CONTRACT FOR DOORS, FRAMES & HARDWARE WITH MERRIMACK BUILDING SUPPLY OF MERRIMACK, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$19,223.10.

SO VOTED UNANIMOUSLY BY ROLL CALL.

Alderman Dowd

Okay, thank you. Shawn, you have nothing else?

Mr. Smith

Yes, actually we have another contract that you approved in between meetings. The other contract was to Allied, who is our security contractor. And that was to provide items that have a long lead time and in order to get everything together before school started. And that was in the amount of \$15,264.09.

ALDERWOMAN KLEE MOVED TO APPROVE THE CONTRACT FOR SECURITY, WITH ALLIED UNIVERSAL TECHNOLOGY SERVICES OF ANDOVER MA, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$15,264.09.

SO VOTED UNANIMOUSLY BY ROLL CALL.

Alderman Dowd

So I think everyone is all set. Are there any comments by Committee members?

Mr. Smith

Before you get to comments, we have a single invoice on the agenda to take care of.

Alderman Dowd

Oh yes, we do.

Invoice Approval

Mr. Smith

It's for Page Street Rentals for the storage of trailers at FMS, for \$190.00.

**ALDERWOMAN KLEE MOVED TO APPROVE PAYMENT TO PAGE STREET RENTALS,
FOR THE STORAGE OF TRAILERS AT FMS, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$190.00.**

SO VOTED UNANIMOUSLY BY ROLL CALL.

COMMENTS BY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

None

Mr. Guarino moved to adjourn. **So voted at 7:53 p.m.**

Submitted by Jacki Waters