

**Wachusett Regional School Building Committee**  
**May 11, 2005**  
**Minutes**

In attendance: Catherine Collins, Duncan Leith, Maria Millet, Ralph Rondinone, Emerson Wheeler, Gene Raymond (SHR), Joe Raimundo (SHR), Michael McClarney (URS), Thomas Pandiscio, Superintendent's Designee and Steven Penka, Director of Administrative Services.

Ralph Rondinone called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM.

There was no public hearing. Ralph Rondinone reported that separate minutes must be kept and approved for each executive session. The next meeting, May 24, 2005 will begin at 5:40 for an executive session prior to the start of the regular meeting. It was noted that in the February 23, 2005 meeting minutes Ben Gary was to review the field plans and get report back to the Committee. The Committee had reviewed the plans and rejected them.

Mike McClarney gave the construction manager's update and reported on the construction progress. In Area C the windows are in; the plumbing and electric are done; the brick work is complete; the door frames are being installed. In Area B the gypsum is being installed; the second floor framing is being done, the brick work in the courtyard is being done. In Area A the slab has been poured; the boilers are set; the masonry walls are being built. In Area F the excavation is being done; the retaining wall is being built; the foundation will be poured.

There was a meeting regarding drainage and erosion control. Mickey Marcus reported to Tom Pandiscio that the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) is not happy with the erosion control to date.

Mike McClarney reviewed the updated TLT schedule. Buildings A, B, and C will be ready for the start of school. The gymnasium will be ready in late November. If Building F is not going to be ready then the top floor will need to be kept for classrooms.

It was reported that the second round of revisions for the fields is almost done and should be ready by Friday. GGD will work over the weekend. The Building Committee wants the fields ready for the fall growing season. Once final plans are complete and the Committee has approved the revisions a CCD will be prepared.

Gene Raymond distributed a copy of an updated budget. The Committee discussed ways to save money on the project. Technology is estimated at \$2.4 million; FF & E is estimated to be \$2.6 million. It was reported that technology could be over by \$176,000.

Tom Pandiscio reported that he thought that the classrooms could be done for \$724,000 and \$425,000 of the FF & E could be put into the contingency fund. The flooring is supposed to be composition vinyl. VCT could be used in the classrooms and composition vinyl in the hallways. This could result in a \$30,000 savings to the project.

Motion: To use simulated Mannington brushwork VCT in the hallways.

(R. Rondinone)

(M. Millett)

The motion passed unanimously.

Motion: To approve Changeorder #14, pending approval by URS, in the amount of \$46,982.00

(D. Leith)

(M. Millett)

The motion passed unanimously.

The Committee reviewed the Gren School initiative and what additional items needed to be completed before the submission of the application.

Gene Raymond discussed CCD #49 for \$4,500 for filtering. This would pick up an additional point for the Green School Initiative.

Motion: To seek recommendation for approval from URS

(C. Collins)

(R. Rondinone)

The motion passed unanimously.

There was discussion regarding curbing. Bituminous paving could be used instead of precast concrete.

Steven Penka reported that certification by the Treasurer will be added to the CCD's.

The Committee reviewed the DEP Consent Order. The issues must be resolved.

It was reported that Williams Scotsman will be removing the modular cafeteria. The rooftop units will be kept by the District. Williams Scotsman has agreed to pay \$10,000 for the modular cafeteria.

Steven Penka reported that the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) sent correspondence to the District on May 5, 2005. The District will try to get in touch with John Scannell.

Steven Penka reported that the conduit for the fiber optic from the street to the school will be installed.

Steven Penka reported that NStar is looking for corrected loads for all of the equipment. NStar would need information for any needs in addition to the second boiler. The boiler will be a dual fuel boiler.

Motion: To approve the payment for legal services to Leo McCabe, Esquire of \$3,770.

(E. Wheeler)

(C. Collins)

The motion passed unanimously.

Motion: To approve the payment to Palmer & Dodge of \$4,100 for bond fees.

(M. Millett)

(E. Wheeler)

The motion passed unanimously.

Motion: To approve the payment to First Southwest of \$4,700.

(E. Wheeler)

(C. Collins)

The motion passed unanimously.

Motion: To approve the payment to Mobil Storage Group of \$75.

(M. Millett)

(D. Leith)

The motion passed unanimously.

Motion: To approve the payment to Mailboxes, Etc of \$5.61.

(D. Leith)

(R. Rondinone)

The motion passed unanimously.

Motion: To not approve the payment for postage for letters mailed to parents and staff of \$600.41.

(C. Collins)

(E. Wheeler)

The motion passed unanimously.

It was announced that Michael Tsitsis is resigning as Chair of the Wachusett Regional High School Building Committee, effective May 12, 2005.

Cathy Collins reported that she had a complaint from a neighbor regarding the lights on the site.

The next meeting is scheduled for May 24, 2005.

Motion: To adjourn

(M. Millett)  
(C. Collins)

The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Duncan Leith