

**School Building Committee**  
**March 8, 2021**

Mrs. Bolan called meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

Members Present: Louisa Boatwright, Rebecca Bolan, Candace Andrade, Jamie Bova, Lynn Ceglie, JoEva Gaines, Raymond Gomes, Thomas Harrop, Colleen Jermain, Ed.D., Patrick Kelley, William Kimes, Kendra Muentner, Joseph Nicholson, Jim Nolan, Brian Rochelle, Jessica Rosa, Brian Russell, Jared Vance, Traci Westman, Robert Young.

Members Absent: Dan Herchenroether, William Riccio

Mr. Kyle Lentini of Downes Construction Company explained the process for selection of the Rogers High School design team for the RHS Replacement Project, from the issuance of the RFP through the final recommendation by the work group to the full School Building Committee. The work group reviewed all eleven proposals and selected three firms for interview. All three firms participated in the interview process and the work group selected one firm for recommendation to the School Building Committee.

Three firms were selected to interview: S/L/A/M Collaborative, RGB, and Kaestle Boos. The selection rating form was explained as well as the interview outline and evaluation form. Schedule, design, financial management, contract administration and previous experience with similar projects, including CTE schools, were reviewed.

The recommendation of the work group to the School Building Committee (9-1) is S/L/A/M Collaborative. If the recommendation is approved by the SBC, the NSC will meet on Thursday, March 11 for consideration.

Ms. Boatwright made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kelley, to acknowledge and agree with the working groups recommendation for award of the Design Team for the Rogers High School Replacement Project as The S/L/A/M Collaborative and authorizes the Owner's Project Manager (Downes Construction Company) to facilitate, negotiate and complete the fee and final contract with The S/L/A/M Collaborative upon and subject to such terms and conditions that the Newport School Committee deem appropriate and in the best interests of the Newport School Building Committee, Newport Public Schools and the City of Newport. Furthermore, Newport School Building Committee will forward this recommendation to the Newport School Committee for approval.

Mr. Kelley suggested the motion to be amended to include legal review.

Ms. Boatwright withdrew her motion.

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The motion passed unanimously (20-0).

Pell Update: Mr. Lentini reported on preliminary meeting with Pell Administration to discuss programming needs and traffic configurations. Downes met with DEM today and the project description will be forwarded to DEM. Stormwater management will also be reviewed. The target date for schematic design for approval by SBC is tentatively set for May 10 to submit documents to RIDE. Construction document submission is scheduled for early July (possibly end of June). Ground breaking is preliminarily set for 3<sup>rd</sup> week of August.

RHS Update: There is will be a lot of interaction with programming for RHS. Community visioning sessions will take place after the A/E is approved. Mr. Desanti explained that a kick-off meeting will be held with the architect and RHS Administration.

Next meeting date: Monday, March 22, 2021 at 5 PM.

Meeting adjourned at 5:44 PM.