

AGENDA
Building (Capital) Committee Meeting
Thursday, February 11, 2016
3:00 P.M.
McFee Administration Building, 108 High Street, Woonsocket, RI 02895

Attendees: Tracie Donnelly, Cindy Johnston, Paul Bourget, Patrick McGee, Joel Mathews, Brad Peryea, Tom Wrona, Peter Fontaine, Garrett Mancieri

Chairman Mathews called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m.

Motion for consideration and approval of minutes from January 13, 2016: P. Fontaine
2nd: T. Wrona
All in favor
None opposed

Review of Stage II Submission - T. Donnelly

Upon completion and finalization of Stage II submission, the electronic copy will be posted on line and accessible for the committee. The funding is based on the five-year capital plan. The numbers will change if any reallocations are necessary. At this time the career center is not officially owned by Woonsocket, it is not in the report. Items completed last summer are not in the current five-year plan.

The FY 17 budget will be finalized next week and it will be presented to the School Committee for approval. At that time WED will know more about what is left for capital improvements for FY 17 and revisit or reallocate the plan as necessary.

The original budgeted amount for FY 16 capital improvement expenditures was \$1.1 million which WED no longer has due to a large overage on (pay as you go) medical expenses. A large capital outlay for FY 16 would have carried forward a large reimbursement of funds for FY 17. If the bond doesn't continue changes will need to be made.

J. Mathews stated that beyond what Woonsocket hopes to get from the bond issue there should be a significant appropriation in the requested budget for capital improvements for the upcoming year. B. Peryea hopes to put reserve on at the least 1 million for capital improvements.

The architectural feasibility study is a requirement; there are no proposed changes. This will be ready for the next School Committee meeting on February 24th at which time a vote will be taken on the educational program, there are no changes, just documentation.

The structural engineer did certify last year that there are no significant structural issues in the school buildings. A full report is included in the stage II application packet as well as the certification.

High performance and Green Status Goals - RIDE requires School Committee resolution to implement goals of NE-CHIPS and Tools for Schools. It must also include a written policy agreeing to conform or to

use Energy Star Products. Local support/approval is needed by the school committee and city council prior to March 15. The City Council will meet on March 7th. The deadline to submit Stage II is March 15th.

The five-year plan will be revisited once the FY 17 budget is final. B Peryea anticipates medical bills going down. If so, the money will be allocated to the capital fund. The budget commission decreased the medical line budget on the five-year projection based on lower medical expenses at the time.

Based on this shortfall, another bond issue may be needed in order follow the existing five-year capital plan. If the funds are unavailable WED must spend at least half the money approved by RIDE. B. Peryea foresees WED will have at least \$1 million to put in the capital fund this year and anticipates an increase in FY 18. The money is not definite. Once stage II is submitted changes cannot be made. This budget's capital line should have an amount equivalent to 50% of proposals, at the very least.

Independent commissioning agents need to be on board from the beginning of the project. This is part of the NE-Chips and green building standard requirements. The commissioning is part of the reimbursable money, considered soft costs, which has a cap of 20%.

Motion to approve, as a committee, Stage II submission to RIDE and for School Committee and City Council to formalize the submission subject to the WEDS fiscal agent being able to identify appropriated amount that is equivalent to no less than 50% of expenditures of Stage II submittal to RIDE. : J. Mathews
2nd: C. Russell

No discussion

All in favor

Motion to get a resolution/approval from school committee to implement the goals of New England Chips: P. Fontaine

2nd J. Mathews

All in favor

Motion to forward resolution to implement tools for schools policy, to school committee for approval: P. Fontaine

2nd: C. Russell

All in favor

No meeting will be scheduled at this time unless the revised budgetary estimate does not include at least 50% of the requested amount, if that happens, Stage II submission will need to be modified.

Motion to adjourn: P Fontaine

2nd by: G. Mancieri

The meeting adjourned at 4:22 P.M.