

**Town of Scituate  
School Building Committee  
Hatherly Elementary School Project  
Wednesday, December 18, 2024  
5:30 – 6:40 pm**

**M I N U T E S**

**Committee Members Present:** Joe Annese, James Boudreau (5:56), Nicole Brandolini (chair), William Burkhead, Jonathan Burwood (6:15), Chris Carchia, Nancy Holt, Gerard Kelly, Janice Lindblom, Cameron MacDonald, Bruce Marshman, Kristine Sheahan, Tom Raab, and Julie Ward

**Committee Members Absent:** Chris Cataldo, Jared Cianciolo, Jesse Craddock, Andrew Goodrich, Jeff Halbig and Ryan Lynch

**Others Present:** Jon Lemieux, Allyson Mahar - Vertex; Tom Hengelsberg, Don Walter, Nick Beck - Dore & Whittier

**1. Call to Order and Roll Call**

Nicole Brandolini called the meeting to order at 5:32pm. Nancy Holt made a motion to accept the agenda for the December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024 School Building Committee meeting. Bruce Marshman seconded. All were in favor on a voice vote. **Vote – Approved – 12-0.**

**2. Public Participation**

None.

**3. Meeting Minutes**

Nancy Holt made a motion to accept the meeting minutes from the November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024 School Building Committee meeting. Bruce Marshman seconded. Voice vote was taken. **Vote - Approved 12-0.**

**4. Design Project Update:**

**Schedule:**

Tom Hengelsberg, Dore & Whittier, reviewed overall project schedule and the upcoming meeting calendar. Construction Documents are in progress. Permitting is in progress. Planning Board and ConComm submissions are scheduled for this Friday, December 20<sup>th</sup>. Hearings are

anticipated in January. Vertex noted the prequalification process for General Contractors and Filed Subcontractors will begin next month. The SBC will need to appoint at least two members to the Prequalification Committee. Vertex will provide an overview of this process at the next meeting in January.

#### **Exterior Materials:**

Dore & Whittier gave an update on the exterior design and the metal wall panels. Originally the flat metal wall panel with a light wood grain finish was proposed and presented to the SBC. Tom Hengelsberg noted that during design development, it was discovered that the wood grain finish detail fades away when looking at the building from far way. Also when detailing the design of the original proposed panel, it was determined that the panel layout of the original proposed metal panel does not properly align with the windows. Dore + Whittier explored other options and presented a Scalloped Metal Wall Panel as the new proposed product for the exterior design. This design provides variation in color due to shadowing and the panel changes as the sun moved around the building. The Scalloped Metal Wall Panel is the same manufacturer as the previous woodgrain panel shown. It offers more visual texture, shadow play, and subtly at a distance. There are more color choice options with this product as well. The cost of the Scalloped Metal Panel is the same as the original proposed flat woodgrain panel. Dore + Whittier brought a sample of the panel. Each panel is connected by a joint in the middle of the scallop shape. Pictures of these panels installed on a building at Harvard University were presented however the color of the Harvard panels are green, not the beige that is being proposed for the elementary school. The material is aluminum, with a durable coating. This would not be a proprietary item. There are no concerns with acoustics or weather related issues. The SBC discussed the scalloped panel and agreed they needed to see more photos of the product installed and possibly a site visit to see them installed in person.

Dore & Whittier gave an update on the sunshade accent color on the exterior design. The original proposed color was a lighter blue. Dore & Whittier presented another option with a darker blue color to be more like “Scituate blue”.

Nancy Holt made a motion to accept the darker blue color for the exterior sunshades. Jim Boudreau seconded. All were in favor on a voice vote. **Vote – Approved – 14-0.**

Dore & Whittier gave an update on the library entrance glass. The accent color of the library glass ceramic fritting was originally proposed as a green to represent abstract “grass”. During the design process, it was discussed with the SBC that this would be changed to blue. Dore + Whittier noted that as the design progressed, the interior colors in the library consisted of a lot of blue and the Design Team suggested moving away from blue on the exterior of this space. Dore + Whittier proposed a new option with green/yellow/pale yellow representing abstract grass. Feedback from the SBC was for the colors to be more neutral. It was suggested that the design be less abstract and to work with more pattern and not as much color.

Dore + Whittier reviewed the Site Electrical Lighting Plan. An SBC member noted that light dimmers had to be added after the fact on the Senior Center project. The design team will

confirm that lights have the ability to dim. It was noted that the lights will have back shields and there is no light trespass to neighbors.

**5. OPM Update:**

Vertex provided an update on the Building Automation consultant proposal status. The Sustainability Working Group met with Interval Data Systems (IDS) on December 13<sup>th</sup> to better understand the services they would be providing on the project. Vertex is working to obtain a second proposal from another firm for comparison. An update will be provided at the next School Building Committee meeting in January.

**6. New Business:**

An informational project update meeting was held for parents and the community prior tonight's meeting. Superintendent Burkhead provided an update on the recent meeting with the demographic studies consultant. The timeline for work on enrollment options is October/November 2025. A section of the school website will be dedicated to enrollment/redistricting information where updates will be posted.

Naming of the new school was discussed. The new school name has not been decided yet. Dore + Whittier will confirm the timeline for when the school name will need to be made by. It was noted that it would be beneficial to decide before construction documents are complete in June 2025.

**7. Adjournment**

Motion to Adjourn by Nancy Holt

Seconded by Jim Boudreau

Meeting was adjourned at 6:40 PM

**APPROVED 1/22/25**