



**Consentino School Building Committee Remote Meeting  
March 2, 2023**

An act relative to extending certain COVID-19 measures adopted during the state of emergency allows for remote meetings and hearings by public bodies through March, 2023.

**I. Call to Order.**

Mayor Fiorentini called the meeting to order at 9:02 am. A roll call was held and the results were the following:

Mr.	Bevilacqua	Present	Mr.	MacDonald	Absent
Mr.	Boucher	Present	Mr.	Pfifferling	Present
Mr.	Bucuzzo	Present	Dr.	Poor	Present
Mr.	DiBurro	Present	Ms.	Sullivan	Absent
Mr.	Dorrance	Absent	Mrs.	Perkins	Absent
Ms.	Hernandez-Bailey	Absent	Mayor	Fiorentini	Present
Dr.	Marotta	Present			

Also present were:

Craig	DiCarlo, AIA, LEED AP BD+C, MCPPO
Donald	Walter, AIA, MCPPO Dore+Whittier
Michele	Rogers, AIA, MCPPO, Senior Associate, Dore+Whittier
John	Bates, AIA, LEED AP, Project Manager ~ Colliers Project Leaders
Giovanna	Chaisson, LEED AP, NCIDQ, Associate Dore+Whittier
A. Michael	Carroll MCPPO, Senior Project Manager   Project Leaders

**II. Review Previous Meeting Minutes for Approval.**

a. February 2, 2023

A motion was made by Dr. Marotta to approve the Remote Consentino School Building Committee Minutes of February 2, 2023. Mr. DiBurro seconded the motion. The mayor requested a roll call vote with the following results:

Mr.	Bevilacqua	Yes	Mr.	Pfifferling	Yes
Mr.	Boucher	Yes	Dr.	Poor	Yes
Mr.	Bucuzzo	Yes	Mayor	Fiorentini	Yes
Dr.	Marotta	Yes			

Motion passes

**III. OPM Report.**

a. Project Delivery Method recap.

Mr. Bates reported that a major milestone had been accomplished by the signature and execution of paperwork by both the city and the MSBA. He related the city had received the project funding agreement (PFA) and once all signatures have been obtained from the MSBA and returned to the city, there will be a return to submitting reimbursements into the prepay system.

In response to Mr. Pfifferling’s question on the PFA and the necessary approvals, Mr. Bates answered that the mayor’s signature is the only requirement.

b. Project Schedule.

In relation to the project schedule, Mr. Bates noted the design development phase was a month further along and that the working group meetings were ongoing between the district and Dore+Whittier (detailed design process). He stated that the next couple of major milestones would be the DD Estimate Reconciliation meeting on May 15<sup>th</sup> and then the submission of the design



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development package to the MSBA, on June 1<sup>st</sup>. Mr. Bates related that on the OPM side, there was no change in financials besides resuming submissions for reimbursement.

In reference to the mayor's inquiry on the bid process, Mr. Bates replied that bidding would not begin until mid-March 2024.

Mr. DiCarlo clarified that the next round of cost estimating would occur on May 15, 2023 and that would be regarding design development.

Mr. Walter commented that Dore+Whittier was presently doing its own 50% design development cost estimation.

The assistant superintendent asked if there would be any pre-purchasing of materials done on this project.

Mr. DiCarlo responded that there were currently no pre-purchasing plans. He noted that the market would be monitored over the next six (6) months to assess if there was a potential for escalation of costs.

In response to the mayor's inquiry regarding the cost escalation percentage, both Mr. DiCarlo and Mr. Bates responded approximately 5%.

Mr. DiCarlo introduced Michael Carroll from Colliers who was new to the meeting and the project. He stated a more formal introduction would occur at a later meeting once his role had been determined with regard to project.

#### IV. **Design Team Report [2023.03.02 Haverhill Design Presentation \(1\).pdf](#).**

Ms. Rogers acknowledged Ms. Chaisson who would be the lead in today's interior design team report.

Prior to the interior design portion, Ms. Rogers reviewed the exterior portions including

- the front entrance;
- main driveway;
- parking;
- parent drop-off (parent loop, queuing of cars flow of traffic);
- outdoor gathering area;
- plaza (active space which will serve as a student gathering space and brings people into the building);
- building/administration area (lower level);
- library media center;
- cafeteria;
- gymnasium;
- academic wing;
- extended learning space (grades 5-6);
- courtyard area which is student-centered and located outside the cafeteria.

Ms. Chaisson related that the Merrimack River, lush riverbeds and public parks along the river were instrumental in the color scheme for the interior of the school i.e., the natural hues of the sky, the water, and the riverbed, and the soft blues, and greens are superimposed into buildings. She emphasized the importance of colors that are interesting and engaging, as well as well timeless and classic such as,



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soft, blues, and greens, some darker, some lighter, and then which will be balanced and integrated with different neutral tones for example, grays on the warmer side of the palette. Ms. Chaisson stressed the importance of balancing cost and durability with materials. She continued with a 3D representation and highlighted the small extended learning area and special areas of the building with allusions to the “wave” of the Merrimack River. Ms. Chaisson pointed out the reduction in the number of grout lines in the porcelain tile. In terms of classrooms, the interior would be simpler by having a nice solid color on the teaching wall, with a stripe of a different color, flooring in front of the teaching wall and the rest of the classroom in very neutral and very simple colors. She continued the presentation by previewing the public side of the building i.e., cafeteria which would include a lovely space for gathering for lunch and has a strong connection from the media center up above, all the way through to the stage. She ended by relating that there were smaller more intimate dining areas with the incorporation of acoustic panels along with the wave in the Merrimack River.

Ms. Rogers stated there would be exterior and interior display boards for Consentino along with Tilton Upper.

- V. **Next Steps.** Mr. Bates provided the following important next steps:
- a. Sign Project Scope and Budget Agreement (PSBA) due 2/22/23.
  - b. Enter into Project Funding Agreement (PFA) with the MSBA.

There were no additional questions or comments.

A motion was made by Mr. Boucher to adjourn the meeting (9:31 am). Mr. Pfifferling seconded the motion.