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Member, District 3

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Member, District 2

School Building Committee
Wednesday, March 15, 2023
Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order/Roll Call - 6:35 P.M.
- a. Attendees - James Pierson, Ana Dos Reis Couto, Ann Dickson, Kim Shockley, David Ferrara, Phil Conte, Harold Sands, Kristin Bagley, Amy Anzalone, Kristen Danusis, and Don Cowart
2. Emergency Evacuation Procedures - Reviewed by Don Cowart
3. Approval of Minutes (February 15, 2023) - All approved
4. Finance Update: The Town is working with the Bond Council at a workshop on March 21, 2023
5. Referendum Date: The date for the Bond Referendum will be October 3, 2023
6. Project Schedule: Phil Conte Reviewed in presentation form
 - a. RIDE II Update - No comments from RIDE yet
 - b. Forecast of Activities - Town and Bond Council Meeting on March 21, 2023 to answer questions
 - c. Review of the project costs and appraisals of the 3 schools coming off line
 - d. \$100 M for the full project which \$80 M for bond.
 - e. Schedule of the project reviewed.
- i. Start of the project is when we have the team on board.
- ii. Review of the various phases of the schedule
 1. David Ferrara is requesting in writing what project commencement means. It is 20% of the bond commitment. Must not make decisions and disregard facts. Phil and Superintendent Cowart express that RIDE has repeated to Coventry that shovels in the ground are not necessary to be considered commencement of the project. Mr. Cowart will confirm and have Mario Correna from RIDE at the next meeting to answer any questions.
- iii. Phil Conte recommends selection of the OPM and the CMar - Late summer/Early Fall - before the bond vote.
 1. StudioJAED is under contract from Stage II through Bond Vote and is able to assist with the process.
- iv. Community and Engagement and outreach is important and recommends we reach out to getting the Town Council involved. Superintendent Cowart recommends that before we come up with the vision of a new school or engaging teaching in the project development, he would like the Town Council endorsement to go to a Bond Vote towards the end of this school year.
- v. David Ferrara requested copies of the memorandum of agreements for the Equity and Arts Grants.
 7. Public Comment:
 - a. Phil and Kim asked if Harold could speak to Steve Masceroni about the cost of the bond to an average homeowner.
 - b. No other public comment
 - c. Next meeting is March 29, 2023
 8. Adjournment - 7:25pm

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