

East Lyme Board of Education
East Lyme Elementary Schools Design Steering Committee Meeting
December 21, 2016
4:30 p.m.

East Lyme Public Schools will inspire, engage and educate each student to become a contributing citizen and a responsible, independent, and critical thinker.

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Members Present: Dr. Tim Hagen, Mr. Jeffrey Newton, Linda Anania, John Arnold, Eric Bauman, Melissa DeLoreto, Bill Derry, First Selectman Mark Nickerson, Ray O'Connor, Lisa Picarazzi, Jeffrey Provost, John Rhodes, Dr. John Whritner

Members Absent: Gil Gallant, Linda Johansen, Marc Salerno, Maria Whalen

Others Present: Al Jacunski from Jacunski Humes Architects, Ken Biega from O&G Construction

Cost Estimates Update

Al Jacunski and Ken Biega distributed the updated Draft Cost Summary Sheet, the individual Draft Cost Estimates for each school, and the Project Timeline. The draft cost estimates are divided into construction costs and soft costs for a total draft project cost of \$29,116,657.

Elementary School	Draft Construction Costs	Draft Soft Costs	Total Draft Project Cost
Flanders	\$8,454,610	\$1,319,796	\$9,774,406
Lillie B. Haynes	\$10,409,725	\$1,618,632	\$12,028,358
Niantic Center	\$6,314,125	\$999,769	\$7,313,894

The Design Committee requested that the Owners Contingency line item for each school be increased from 5% to 15% to account for any unexpected costs that may occur.

After the final drafts are completed, Al Jacunski will meet with the State Department to confirm what portions of the projects are eligible for reimbursement. The roof, air conditioning and partial window costs will be eligible for State reimbursement. One consideration is to do the roof project separately to receive full reimbursement by not having to meet space needs standards requirements when included within the entire project. Wi-Fi costs should be eligible for a 50% reimbursement from E-Rate funds. The site reconfiguration and parking lot costs at Lillie B. Haynes School are not eligible for reimbursement. Al Jacunski informed the Design Committee that the State Department expects to cut the reimbursement rate for any projects approved after July 1, 2017. The State will not approve projects until the town has had a successful referendum and has secured funding. The State Department is required to approve all project documents and codes before going out to bid. The draft costs will become expected costs once the bids are received during the 2nd or 3rd quarter of 2018.

It was noted that the draft project total for Lillie B. Haynes School does not include the area being used by LEARN or the replacement of the old porcelain hallway water coolers. The Design Committee recommended that the hallway water coolers be replaced with one stainless steel water cooler per hallway. Al Jacunski will also verify why the laptop cart cost for Lillie B. Haynes is \$25,000 vs. \$15,000 for Niantic Center and Flanders School. The Design Committee recommended that a contingency line item for the waste lines be added to Lillie B. Haynes and that the cost to repair and/or replace the waste lines outside and under the building be researched. It was also recommended that the replacement of the outside waste lines be included in the draft cost estimate for Lillie B. Haynes School at this time.

The Design Committee asked for asbestos abatement cost estimates for each elementary school and suggested increasing the entranceway line item of each school to ensure that they are remodeled equally.

Next Steps:

- The referendum is slated to occur in March/April per the updated project timeline.
- The Elementary Schools Design Committee will meet on December 29, 2016 at 1:00 to draft a timeline of meetings, Board of Selectman and Board of Finance presentations, and public information sessions prior to the March/April referendum.

Respectfully submitted,

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