



Education Committee - Board of Representatives

Diane Lutz, Chair

Megan Cottrell, Vice Chair

Committee Report

Date: Monday, March 25, 2019
Time: 5:30 p.m.
Place: Conference Room 1, 4th Floor Government Center, 888 Washington Boulevard, Stamford, CT

The Education Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Chair Lutz, Vice Chair Cottrell and Committee Member Reps. Aquila, de la Cruz, Di Costanzo, and Stella. Excused was Rep. Graziosi. Also present were Rep. Lion; Rep. Roqueta; Dr. Tamu Lucero, Andy George and Jackie Heftman, BOE; Michael Handler, Director of Administration; Lou Casolo, Engineering Dept., and Cindy Grafstein, Mayor's Office.

Chair Lutz called the meeting to order at 5:35pm.

Item No.	Description	Committee Action
7. E30.034	APPROVAL; Contract with KG&D for Westover Magnet School Renovation Project Phase II Architectural & Engineering Services. 03/08/19 – Submitted by Director Handler	Approved 6-0-0

This item was taken up out of order. Mr. Handler, Mr. Casolo and the Committee discussed this item.

- KG&D architectural firm has been selected for Phase II of the Westover project.
- Phase I was a general overview of the condition of the building and what needs to be done; Phase II goes into design development.
- KG&D was the best suited firm to handle Phase II.
- This contract is important to make the timeline of getting students back into the Westover building in September 2020.
- It will take two months for design drawings to be complete, and the City will get cost estimates at two months.
- The civil engineering work cost is not yet in the contract. The City has proposed issuing a purpose order for \$30K to get it started. KG&D has agreed to pick up any civil engineering work beyond the \$30K at cost with no mark-up.
- Civil engineering services are very broad and difficult to determine beforehand.
- There is a water flow issue on the property.
- All experts have decided the best option right now for Westover is to remediate.
- The building itself is structurally sound; however water issues on the property were not addressed correctly when the building was originally built.
- It is important to determine how these problems will be prevented in the future.
- If drainage systems are maintained properly, problems can be minimized.

- There is currently no high ground water inside the building, and the vapor barrier is working.
- The Mold Task Force will be looking into the long term value of City buildings and doing the proper maintenance moving forward.
- Administration has committed to do a district-wide retro-commissioning of each building. Independent commissioning agents will make sure all building envelope systems are running properly.
- Administration will get the final contract to the full Board before the April 1st, 2019 Board Meeting.
- Information can be found on the Mold Task Force website at <https://www.stamfordct.gov/mold-task-force>

A motion to approve this item was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 6-0-0 (Reps. Lutz, Cottrell, Aquila, de la Cruz, Di Costanzo, and Stella in favor).

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| 1. E30.013 | REVIEW; Board of Education update from Deputy Superintendent, Dr. Tamu Lucero
04/04/18 – Submitted by Rep. Lutz
04/16/18 – Held in Committee
06/18/18 – Report Made & Held in Committee
10/17/18 – Report Made & Held in Committee
11/28/18 – Report Made & Held in Committee
12/19/18 – Held in Committee
01/23/19 – Report Made & Held in Committee | Held 6-0-0 |
| 2. E30.021 | REVIEW; Update on Westover Relocation and Resumption of School, Construction, Construction Costs and Projected Costs for Remediation as Known To Date, to Include History of and Facility Report of Westover Magnet Elementary School.
11/08/18 – Submitted by Rep. Lutz
11/28/18 – Held in Committee
12/10/18 – Moved to Pending
01/23/19 – Report Made & Held in Committee 5-0-1 | Held 6-0-0 |
| 3. E30.022 | REVIEW; Current protocol for mold testing across Stamford Public schools (outside of Westover), prioritization, remediation efforts and plans for new construction, new portables or alternate locations to house students. Projections for costs associated with testing, remediations and new construction as known to date.
11/08/18 – Submitted by Rep. Lutz
11/28/18 – Held in Committee
12/10/18 – Moved to Pending
01/23/19 – Report Made & Held in Committee 5-0-1 | Held 6-0-0 |

4. E30.025 REVIEW; History of, and Facility Report of, Mold in Stamford Public Schools. **Held 6-0-0**
 11/08/18 – Submitted by Reps. Zelinsky and Lutz
 11/28/18 – Held in Committee
 12/10/18 – Moved to Pending
 01/23/19 – Report Made & Held in Committee 5-0-1
 02/11/19 – Moved to Pending
5. E30.032 REVIEW; How Work Orders in the Schools are Handled – Past Issues and How the City is Working to Improve the Process. **Held 6-0-0**
 03/06/19 – Submitted by Rep. Cottrell
- Possibly in Executive Session:***
6. E30.033 REVIEW; Board of Education's Relationship with ABM. **Held 6-0-0**
 03/06/19 – Submitted by Rep. Cottrell
8. E30.035 APPROVAL; Creation of a Board of Representatives Subcommittee to Investigate the Origins of the Current Mold Crisis. **Held 6-0-0**
 03/06/19 – Submitted by Reps. Stella, Pratt and Lutz

A motion to hold items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 8 was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 6-0-0 (Reps. Lutz, Cottrell, Aquila, de la Cruz, Di Costanzo, and Stella in favor).

Chair Lutz adjourned the meeting at 6:28pm.

Respectfully submitted,
 Diane Lutz, Chair

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