



Education Committee - Board of Representatives

Megan Cottrell, Chair

Ramya Shaw, Vice Chair

Committee Minutes

Date: Thursday, May 25, 2023
Time: 6:30 p.m.
Place: *This meeting was held remotely.*

The Education Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Chair Cottrell, Vice Chair Shaw, and Committee Member Reps. Mays, Pierre-Louis, Shinn and Weinberg. Absent was Rep. Jean-Louis. Also in attendance were: Reps. Adams, Miller, Summerville and Pavia; Louis Casolo, Engineering; Dr. Tamu Lucero, Superintendent of Schools; Chuck Warrington, Colliers, Project Leaders; Jerry Junes, Police Department; Katherine LoBalbo, Operations; and Chris Dellaselva, Law Department.

Item No.	Description	Invitee(s) or Designees
1. E31.019	REVIEW; Cost/Benefit Analysis of Having a Pool at Westhill High School. 05/02/23 – Submitted by Rep. Cottrell, Pavia	HELD
2 E31.020	APPROVAL; Agreement between the City of Stamford and Colliers Project Leaders USA NE, LLC for Advisory Services in Connection with the Construction of the New Westhill High School under RFP No. 887 [cost of services \$2,746,766.00] 04/20/23 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons 04/26/23 – Approved by Board of Finance	COMMITTEE APPROVED 6-0-0

The Committee discussed this contract with invited guest as follows:

Lou Casolo stated:

- Contract was put out as an RFP
- Selection Committee made up of 8 members
- 5 responses to the RFP
- Extensive interviews were held with Colliers being picked
- This contract is for a Project Manager/Owner's Representative (project oversight)
 - Pre-Construction through Construction Services
 - Pre-Construction services is all the services during the design phase
 - Managing and directing designs and stays in budget
 - Helping with finalization of construction bid documents with the state
- This is a State Led project (80% reimbursement)
- Will oversee bidding process
- Active school building within so this firm will have to be on top of managing the site overall

- This is a long-term project (2-5 years)
- Would include the destruction of the old building

Katherine LoBalbo stated

- New Westhill school Project is being considered and this is the beginning of building the team for this large project
- Seeking approval for \$301,000,000 in construction costs from State Legislature
- Selected Collier because of their experience

Chuck Warrington stated:

- Project Management Firm
- Based out of Madison CT with small office in Stamford
- Engineers, Architects in the company
- Has not had a project go over budget

A motion to approve this item was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 6-0-0. (Cottrell, Shaw, Mays, Pierre-Louis, Shinn and Weinberg in favor)

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| 3. E31.017 | REVIEW; Drug and Alcohol Use Prevention in the Schools and how Usage in Schools is Handled.
04/05/23 – Submitted by Rep. Cottrell, Pavia | HELD |
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A motion to suspend the rules to take up E31.021 was made seconded and approved by a vote of 6-0-0 (Cottrell, Shaw, Mays, Pierre-Louis, Shinn and Weinberg in favor)

***Under a Suspension of the Rules:
Possibly in Executive Session***

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| 4. E31.021 | UPDATED REVIEW; Safety protocols, policies and procedures regarding toy weapons brought to school.
04/05/23 – Submitted by Rep. Adams | NO ACTION
TAKEN |
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A motion to go into executive session to discuss E31.021 a public safety matter was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous voice vote. Chair Cottrell announced that the following people will be going into executive session: Reps. Cottrell, Shaw, Mays, Pierre-Louis, Shinn, Weinberg, Pavia, Summerville, Miller, Adams; Dr. Tamu Lucero, Superintendent of Schools, Jerry Junes, Police Dept. The committee went into executive session at 7:12 p.m. The committee came out of executive session at 8:06 p.m. Chair Cottrell announced that no votes were taken in executive session.

Chair Cottrell adjourned the meeting at 8:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Megan Cottrell, Chair

into executive session because the item was regarding a public safety matter.

This meeting is on [video](#).