



State Board of Education
CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE
January 4, 2016
Room 500, Cross State Office Building

MINUTES

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Peter Geiger, Chair
Ande Smith
Martha Harris

OTHERS PRESENT:

Scott Brown, Director, MDOE School Facilities	Jeanne Crocker, Acting Superintendent, Portland Public Schools
Ann Pinnette, MDOE School Facilities	Douglas Ritter Sherwood, Portland Public Schools
Stephanie Clark, MDOE School Facilities	Craig Worth, Portland Public Schools Operations
Mary Nadeau, Principal, Nokomis High, RSU #19	Rob Tillotson, Oak Point Associates
Don Roux, Principal, Somerset, RSU #19	Allison DiMatteo, Oak Point Associates
Licia Goodridge, Facilities Director, RSU #19	Tyler Barter, Oak Point Associates
Angela Brown, Principal, S.V.M.S., RSU #19	Norm Lemire, Oak Point Associates
Ray Freve, Interim Superintendent, RSU #19	
Jane Stork, Principal, Etna-Dixmont, RSU #19	

CALL TO ORDER: 9:00 a.m.

Minutes of November 30, 2015 were approved as written.

The chair introduced the Portland Public Schools' Concept Approval Exhibit to the Committee. He then asked Scott Brown to explain the Exhibit with more detail. Mr. Brown explained all the background work that has been completed and further stated that the project is ready to move forward for Concept Approval. He also discussed the budgeted additional BAN interest money that is projected to be necessary to complete the project on its current schedule. Acting Superintendent Jeanne Crocker then discussed how the new school would fulfill the needs of learners today. She also provided details of the new school's education specifications including several locally funded items that were included in the project. Architect Rob Tillotson explained the floor plan of the new school. After a few questions and further discussion the Committee voted to recommend that the State Board of Education grant Concept Approval to Portland Public Schools for the construction of an Elementary School in Portland, Maine.

The chair then introduced RSU #19's Concept Approval Exhibit to the Committee. Scott Brown explained which district schools would be closed or retrofitted when the project is completed. Interim Superintendent Ray Freve discussed the need for this project, the cost savings to the district, and how the local communities supported the project with an 81-2 straw poll vote. Architect Rob Tillotson explained to the Committee the floor plan and the exterior of the new school. After a few questions and further discussion the Committee voted to recommend that the State Board of Education grant Concept Approval to RSU #19, for the construction of a new Grade 5-12 School and a minor retrofit project for two PreK-4 schools in Newport, Maine, with a condition that all named elementary schools close upon completion of the project.

There being no further business, the Committee voted to adjourn at 10:15 a.m.