Regional School District 13 **Board of Education** **September 16, 2026**

Building Committee

The Regional District 13 Board of Education Building Committee met in regular session on Wednesday, September 16, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. in the Board of Education conference room.

Building Committee Members Present: Mr. Weissberg**,** Mrs. Petrella**,** Mr. Moore, Mrs. Cowan, Mr. Giammatteo, Mr. Dwire (attending virtually), Mr. Putnam (attended virtually), Mr. Overton (arrived at 5:44), and Mr. Cross
Building Committee Members Absent: Mr. Croston and Mr. Simmons
Student Members: Siya Patel and Jack Quinn
Administration Present: Dr. Leggett, Superintendent of Schools**,** Mr. Proia, Supervisor of Facilities and Grounds, and Mrs. Neubig, Director of Finance

O&G Associates present: Mr. Luccarelli and Mr. Cravanzola
QA+M Associates present: Mr. Collier and Mr. Malik
STV present**:** Ms. Liska and Ms. Cahill (attended virtually)

Mr. Weissberg called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Prior to Public Comment, the student representatives were introduced to the committee. Jack Quinn expressed interest in pursuing construction management and Siya Patel is interested in pursuing business management. Both students are excited for the experience and opportunity to be part of the Building Committee.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Approval of Agenda

Mr. Giammatteo made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cross, to approve the agenda as presented.

*All in favor of approving the agenda as presented: Mr. Weissberg**,** Mrs. Petrella**,** Mr. Moore, Mrs. Cowan, Mr. Giammatteo, Mr. Dwire, Mr. Putnam, and Mr. Cross. Motion passed.*

Approval of Minutes – September 2, 2026

Mrs. Petrella made a motion, seconded by Mr. Giammatteo, to approve the September 2, 2026 Meeting Minutes as presented.

All in favor of approving the September 2, 2026 Meeting Minutes as presented: Mr. Weissberg, Mrs. Petrella, Mr. Moore, Mrs. Cowan, Mr. Giammatteo, Mr. Dwire, Mr. Putnam, and Mr. Cross. Motion passed.

Memorial Renovation/Expansion

A. Construction Partner Updates

Mr. Luccarelli presented an update on construction. He reported that construction is progressing well, with the Area F&G classroom addition's foundation walls complete, slab-on-grade work scheduled for Tuesday, and steel installation to follow. Foundation work continues in Area D, with gym steel expected in mid-October. Interior plumbing, electrical, framing, masonry, firewalls, and shoring are also advancing, with a focus on closing in the existing building before winter. Roofing materials are on site and progressing without major issues, and the team is also planning a beam-signing event and keeping the roof prepared for a potential future solar installation.

Mr. Malik reported that the project is making good progress, with over 30% of urgent RFIs and submittals already addressed. Material samples have been reviewed and courtyard and playground design details are moving forward.

Ms. Liska reported that a concrete testing issue caused by improper cylinder storage was identified and addressed with the testing vendor. The current results remain sufficient to allow structural steel installation to proceed as scheduled, with additional testing planned as a precaution.

The committee reviewed the project budget, including the GMP, hard and soft costs, CM allowances, value-management items, and owner contingency. The project is capped at the $76.13 million referendum amount, with approximately $517,000.00 currently available in owner contingency after accounting for approved and projected costs. Student busing is budgeted as an estimated $425,000.00 project expense, and the committee discussed keeping it within the construction budget due to potential eligibility for funding assistance.

B. Review and Possible Vote on Value Management Items

The committee discussed two potential project changes: obtaining costs for the remaining fasteners and evaluating the savings from reducing the outdoor courts by 50%, which could help fund poured-rubber playground surfacing for improved safety and accessibility. They also discussed communicating the project's improved state reimbursement rate, which has reduced the financial burden on the towns, while noting that the project remains capped at $76.13 million and has limited contingency available.

C. Review and Possible Vote to Approve Change Orders

No change orders were ready for approval.

D. Vote to Approve Invoices

Mrs. Neubig presented the following invoices for approval:

Eversource	Invoice 5189758-0163-Electricity for Portables 5 and 6 for August	$368.19
CubeSmart	Invoice 192024-September	$272.00
QA&M	Invoice 18254-construction, admin, additional services, hazmat fees, and weld PFAS.	$68,357.22

Mr. Cross made a motion, seconded by Mr. Giammatteo, to approve the invoices as presented.

All in favor of approving the invoices as presented: Mr. Weissberg, Mrs. Petrella, Mr. Moore, Mrs. Cowan, Mr. Giammatteo, Mr. Dwire, Mr. Putnam, and Mr. Cross. Motion passed.

ADA Project Strong School

A. Update

Mr. Malik presented a preliminary concept plan focused on improving accessibility and security, including a new ramp, compliant walkways and stairs, replacement doors with push-button access, and a secure vestibule directing visitors through the main office. The project team is working through state filing requirements and staff feedback, with the goal of completing the work next summer. The auditorium project remains in the early concept-design stage and will require separate funding.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Adjournment

Mr. Cross made a motion, seconded by Mr. Giammatteo, to adjourn the meeting.

All in favor of adjourning the meeting: Mr. Weissberg, Mrs. Petrella, Mr. Moore, Mrs. Cowan, Mr. Giammatteo, Mr. Dwire, Mr. Putnam, Mr. Overton, and Mr. Cross. Motion passed and the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Meghan Shortell-Fratantonio