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Regional School District 13 Board of Education July 8, 2026
Building Committee

The Regional District 13 Board of Education Building Committee met in special session on Wednesday, July 8, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. remotely via Zoom.

Building Committee Members Present: Mr. Weissberg, Mr. Overton, Mr. Putnam, Mr. Cross, Mr. Dwire, Mrs. Petrella, Mr. Moore, Mr. Giammatteo, and Mr. Simmons

Building Committee Members Absent: Mr. Croston and Mrs. Cowan

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
STV present: Ms. Liska and Ms. Cahill

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

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Approval of Agenda

Mr. Putnam made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Petrella, to approve the agenda as presented.

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

Memorial Renovation/Expansion

Mr. Luccarelli provided the Building Committee with a construction update. Construction is progressing with site work, underground plumbing layout, framing preparation, and shoring underway. Although the project is slightly behind schedule due to coordination efforts, the team expects to recover the time and will provide the Building Committee with monthly high-level schedule updates highlighting key milestones and upcoming work.

Mr. Cravanzola reported that pre-construction activities are nearing completion, with most trade contracts executed and the remaining contracts expected to be finalized by mid-to-late August. The roofing contract is progressing as planned, and the team is confident that earlier procurement and legal coordination successfully minimized what may have been a significant project risk.

A. Discussion and vote to accept bid alternates

Ms. Liska reviewed the project budget and noted that the available owner contingency is lower than desired for this stage of construction, with only approximately $284,000.00 currently uncommitted. To strengthen the contingency position, the building committee decided to revisit potential value management options while continuing to monitor trade allowances and project risks as remaining contracts are finalized.

The committee discussed the financial impact of the ongoing building permit fee dispute, noting that court-ordered mediation is expected in the coming weeks but that the project cannot rely on recovering those funds. All permit fees have been paid in full, with the exception of HVAC and plumbing that are remaining. Given the reduced contingency, the committee agreed to review additional value management opportunities to strengthen the project budget. O&G will prepare an updated list of feasible cost-saving options, associated savings, and decision deadlines for the next meeting so the committee can make informed recommendations without affecting the construction schedule.

The committee narrowed its focus to four primary value management options to help restore the project contingency, focusing on elements identified as having the lowest impact on learning, safety, and/or efficiency: eliminating the front canopy, redesigning or deferring the outdoor classroom, reducing the recreational courts, and eliminating the irrigation system. Members agreed the outdoor classroom remains an important feature but could likely be delivered at a much lower cost through value engineering, while other items could be deferred and completed in the future if funding becomes available. O&G will provide updated pricing and recommendations before the next meeting, when the committee expects to vote on potential budget reductions. The committee also emphasized that these additional cost-saving measures are being considered largely due to the unexpected building permit fees, which have significantly reduced the project's available contingency despite earlier rounds of value engineering.

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, Mr. Overton, Mr. Putnam, Mr. Cross, Mr. Dwire, Mrs. Petrella, Mr. Moore, Mr. Giammatteo, and Mr. Simmons. Motion passed and the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Meghan Shortell-Fratantonio