

*School Building Committee*

**MINUTES OF MEETING  
CITY OF BRIDGEPORT  
SCHOOLS BUILDING COMMITTEE  
January 19, 2023**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Newton called the meeting to order at 4:10pm, a quorum was present.

**II. ATTENDANCE**

(Voting Members Bold)

**Ernest Newton – City Council**

**Matt McCarthy – City Council**

**Alycia Perrin – Superintendent of Schools**

**Bobbi Brown – Chair, Board of Education**

**Albert Benejan – Board of Education**

**Kenneth Flatto – Director of Finance**

**Craig Nadrizny – Director of Public Facilities**

**Thomas Gill – Director of Planning & Economic Development**

**Jon Urquidi - Engineering**

Michele Otero – Contract Compliance/School Construction

Larry Schilling – School Construction

**III. Approval of Meeting Minutes from December 15, 2022**

**Motion:** Motion by Mr. Benejan to approve, second by Mr. Flatto

**Discussion:** None

**Action:** Unanimously approved

**IV. General Matters**

A. Approval of December Payment Applications; Mr. Schilling read the report.

- Aquaculture School - **\$13,600.00**
- Bassick High School - **\$55,225.66**
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**Motion:** Motion by Mr. Benejan and second by Mr. Flatto

**V. Board of Education Bassick/BMA Forum**

Mr. Newton explained that the merge of the two schools was approved by the Board of Education. Mrs. Brown expressed that she was confused by the lack of commentary on the elementary school and the plan. Mr. Benejan made mention that he is against the plan completely and will not give in. Ms. Perrin said there is about 75 question so far posted online and the intention is to reply to them at the forum. Mrs. Otero expressed her concern over the

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team being roasted once again as they are not the decision makers in any of this. Mr. Gill told the committee that here are financial implications as the project Ed Spec calls for the two schools in one building.

### **VI. Project Status Report**

- A. **Aquaculture – Floating Classroom** – Coast Guard has rejected the size of two small life rafts. The builder has ordered 4 smaller life rafts that meet the boats capacity for approval.
- B. **Bassick HS** – Bids are in, scopes compete and we are currently over budget. One way to reduce costs is to change the Construction Managers contract from At Risk to As Advisor. **Committee requested a follow up meeting to discuss the CM Contract further.**

### **VII. Adjournment**

Motion: Mr. Gill made the motion to adjourn at 5:14pm, second by Mr. Flatto

Discussion: None

Action: Unanimously Approved

Respectfully Submitted,

Michele Otero  
School Construction Program