

School Building Committee

**MINUTES OF MEETING
CITY OF BRIDGEPORT
SCHOOLS BUILDING COMMITTEE
October 21, 2021**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Co-Chair Brown called the meeting to order at 4:06pm, a quorum was present.

II. ATTENDANCE

(Voting Members Bold)

Marcus Brown – Co-Chair – City Council

Aidee Nieves – City Council

Joseph Sokolovic – Board of Education

John Weldon – Board of Education

Michael Testani – Superintendent of Schools

Jon Urquidi – City Engineer

Thomas Gill – Director, OPED

Jorge Garcia – Director, Building Operations BOE

Kenneth Flatto – Finance Director

Craig Nadrizny – Acting Director, Public Facilities

Michele Otero – Contract Compliance/School Construction

Larry Schilling – School Construction Program

D. Donovan – NuPower LLC

S. Gilmartin – NuPower LLC

**III. Approval of Meeting Minutes from September 16, 2021
Approval of Meeting Minutes from September 30, 2021**

Motion: Motion by Mr. Gill to consolidate and approve, second by Mr. Sokolovic

Discussion: None

Action: Unanimously approved

IV. General Matters

A. Approval of September invoices; Mr. Schilling read the report.

- Aquaculture School - **\$13,600**
- Bassick High School - **\$470,047.37**

Motion: Motion by Mr. Sokolovic and second by Mr. Flatto

Discussion: None

Action: Unanimously approved

B. Change Orders

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- Marin ES Credit Change Order \$15,901 – Credit for roof hatch that was not required as well as a ladder that could not be installed.

Motion: Motion by Mr. Flatto to approve, second by Mr. Gill

Discussion: None

Action: Unanimously approved

V. Bassick High School – Material Testing & Inspection Services

Material Testing and Inspections went out to bid on August 22, 2021. School Construction received six (6) responses varying from \$139,636 to \$514,107.

Recommendation was made to go with the lowest responsive, responsible bidder which was Test Con with a value of \$136,936.00

Motion: Motion by Mr. Testani to approve, second by Mr. Sokolovic

Discussion: None

Action: Unanimously approved

VI. Presentation from Nupower LLC

Mr. Donovan and Mr. Gilmartin were present to do a brief presentation on Nupower Thermal loop. Nupower proposed purchasing boilers which they will operate and maintain. Nupower will give \$480,000 to the purchase and installation of an absorption chiller. Nupower will provide a “Clean Energy” payment upon signing of \$30,000 as well as up to \$10,000 for any engineering cost associated with A/E costs to redesign.

Mr. Sokolovic expressed his concern that Nupower is coming to School Building Committee and must go before the Board of Education for approval or denial of a contract. Mr. Weldon replied that he and Mr. Sokolovic are on the School Building Committee to relay the information back to the Board of Education.

Mr. Gill questioned the timeframe as to when Nupower will be fully operational to provide heat. Mr. Donovan replied that the fuel cell will take 18 months to construct.

Mr. Testani expressed a concern to vet the possibility of the connection with the team of Architects and Engineers that are currently designing Bassick High School, Mr. Gill agreed.

Motion: Motion by Mr. Weldon to authorize the Bassick design team to explore with Nupower, the City Construction Team and BOE Building Operations

Discussion: Mr. Testani made the recommendation that Mr. Garcia, Mrs. Otero, Mr. Schilling and himself sit with the architect and engineer to see what the architect requires to make the connection with Nupowers thermal loop.

Action: Motion remade

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Motion: Motion by Mr. Weldon to allow Michael Testani, Michele Otero, Larry Schilling and Jorge Garcia to meet with architect to decide whether or not it would make sense to enter into contract with Nupower which will be presented to Board of Education at a later date. Mrs. Nieves seconds the motion.

Discussion: None

Action: Unanimously approved

VII. Project Status Report

Aquaculture Floating Classroom - Project is moving along. Additional documentation was submitted for approval of crane installation.

Bassick High School – In the midst of construction documents which are to be complete mid December. Any changes to these will have to happen immediately. Resiliency team seems to be very much behind schedule.

Marin Elementary School – Currently closing out the project

VIII. Adjournment

Motion: Mr. Gill made the motion to adjourn at 5:03pm and a second by Mrs. Nieves

Discussion: None

Action: Unanimously approved

Respectfully Submitted,

Michele Otero
School Construction Program