

SIMSBURY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SPECIAL MEETING  
November 10, 2022  
Simsbury Public Library  
5:45 p.m.  
AGENDA

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- III. PUBLIC AUDIENCE
- IV. INFORMATION AND REPORTS
  - A. Latimer Lane Project Update with Board of Selectmen and Board of Finance EXHIBIT I
- V. RECOMMENDED ACTIONS
  - A. Approval of Latimer Lane Additional Appropriation EXHIBIT II
- VI. ADJOURNMENT

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TO: Members of the Board of Education  
FROM: Matthew Curtis, Superintendent of Schools  
RE: Latimer Lane Project Update  
DATE: November 10, 2022

A budget of \$36,792,406 was established for the Latimer Lane School renovation project during the architectural design phase. Recently, in the design review process, estimators projected that changes in market conditions would result in significantly higher bid results.

To manage these projected cost increases and satisfy state reimbursement requirements, a combination of cost reductions, reclassification of some items as alternates, and the approval of a potential supplemental assignment of \$1,364,624 were implemented.

Bidding for the project has now concluded. The base bid amount exceeded the budget by \$1,766,974. Additionally, some items which were part of the original project scope but reclassified as alternates to meet state bidding requirements, still need to be considered.

Tonight, Jeff Wyszynski, principal at Tecton Architects, will provide an update on the current status of the project based on the opening of bids. He will further discuss the alternate bid options that need to be considered prior to a final appropriation. The BOE will invite comments and questions from members of the Board of Finance and Board of Selectmen prior to approving any alternates.

The list of alternates, including costs, is presented below:

- Alt1 – Hybrid Geothermal HVAC system..... \$ 1,651,841
- Alt2 – Site work (seats, walls, etc)..... \$ 332,317
- Alt3 – Site work (stamped concrete, etc)..... \$ 71,148
- Alt4 – Site work (poured playscape surface)..... \$ 433,456
- Alt5 – South courtyard..... \$ 91,398
- Alt6 – Storage shed..... \$ 160,358
- Alt7 – Rubber flooring (not vinyl)..... \$ 328,377
- Alt8 – Vehicle barrier gate..... \$ 20,798

Schedule for the second referendum:

- 11/14 BOS meeting - recommend appropriation to BOF
- 11/15 BOF meeting – set public hearing date
- 11/28 BOF special meeting/public hearing - approval of appropriation
- 11/28 BOS meeting – approve additional appropriation; set referendum date
- 1/7 (or 1/10) Referendum

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TO: Members of the Board of Education  
FROM: Matthew Curtis, Superintendent of Schools  
DATE: November 10, 2022  
RE: Approval of Latimer Lane Additional Appropriation

On May 4, 2021, the town approved at referendum \$36,792,406 for the long-needed renovation of Latimer Lane School. In April of 2022, the revised cost estimates predicted that supply chain disruptions and rising costs due to inflation would drive the cost of the project roughly \$3,000,000 over the approved renovation cost.

As a result, the design was reviewed and revised to move some items onto an alternate bid list, and replace other items with less costly alternatives. This exercise reduced the projected overage to approximately \$1,364,624. Based on a review of the bids, and an analysis of the cost, the total cost required to complete the project exceeds the referendum approved budget by \$1,766,974, plus any alternates identified by the BOE. Therefore, it will be necessary to hold a second referendum to approve the additional funds required for the project.

The administration is requesting Board of Education approval of an additional appropriation for the Latimer Lane Renovation Project.

“MOVE that additional funding of the Latimer Lane Renovation Project in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_, bringing the total project cost to \$ \_\_\_\_\_, be approved.”

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