



COMMITTEE ON JOINT SCHOOL BUILDINGS

January 30, 2024 at 4:00 PM

Aldermanic Chambers, City Hall (3rd Floor)

Members: Aldermen Terrio, Morgan, O'Neil
School Committee Members O'Connell, Soule, Turner

AGENDA

The Clerk calls the meeting to order.

The Clerk calls the roll.

The Clerk requests nominations for a Chair of the Committee.

1. The Clerk provides a brief overview regarding subjects typically handled by this Committee.
2. Communication from the Board of Aldermen to the Board of School Committee regarding Phase I of the School District's Long-Term Facilities Plan.
(*Note: Provided for informational purposes only; no action is required.*)

If there is no further business, a motion is in order to adjourn.

TITLE XV EDUCATION

CHAPTER 199 SCHOOLHOUSES

Location and Building

Section 199:1

199:1 Location and Construction by District. – The district may decide upon the location of its schoolhouses by vote or by a committee appointed for the purpose, provided, however, that all plans, specifications, and the selection of site for any new school buildings for any school district within the state shall be approved by the school board of the district in which it is proposed to construct such a building. The provisions of this section shall apply to all new construction and substantial renovation of public school buildings, including those constructed by grant or loans of funds from state, the federal government, or other sources. The district shall investigate feasible options in the course of deciding to renovate or replace an existing school building. In considering such options, the district shall hold at least one public hearing and shall seek input from municipal boards and departments. The district shall also review the municipality's zoning regulations and master plan in order to maximize best planning practices. For the purposes of this chapter, in addition to their usual meanings, the words "schoolhouse" and "school building" also mean educational administration building, including school administrative unit facilities.

Source. 1845, 224:1. RS 71:1. CS 75:1. GS 80:2. GL 88:2. PS 91:1. 1921, 85, VII:1. PL 122:1. RL 141:1. 1945, 127:1. 1947, 156:10. RSA 199:1. 1967, 449:4. 1979, 459:4, eff. Aug. 24, 1979. 2008, 289:5, eff. Aug. 26, 2008. 2010, 327:1, eff. Sept. 18, 2010.

TITLE XV EDUCATION

CHAPTER 199 SCHOOLHOUSES

Location and Building

Section 199:3

199:3 Construction in Cities; Joint Building Committees. –

I. No schoolhouse shall be erected, altered, remodeled or changed in any city school district unless the plans have been previously submitted to the school board of that district and received its approval.

II. (a) All construction relating to schoolhouses in any city school district shall be done under the direction of a joint building committee which shall be established and chosen in equal numbers by the city council and the school board.

(b) The chairperson of a joint building committee shall be chosen by a majority vote of the committee members.

(c) Any vacancy in the committee membership shall be filled by the respective appointing authority on or before the close of the next regularly scheduled meeting of the appointing authority following the creation of the vacancy.

(d) The joint building committee shall meet monthly and at other times as the chairman deems necessary.

III. The joint building committee shall have the following duties:

(a) Oversee and decide all matters relating to any construction on schoolhouse buildings.

(b) Prepare and submit monthly status reports relating to construction progress to the city council and the school board.

(c) Prepare and submit monthly financial reports relating to the total authorized construction budget and expenditures to date to both the city council and the school board.

IV. All funds appropriated by the city council for construction of a new schoolhouse shall be administered by the appropriate joint building committee, and those funds shall be disbursed upon authorization of the committee until final acceptance of the schoolhouse by the city council.

Source. 1897, 65:2. 1921, 85, VII:3. PL 122:3. RL 141:3. RSA 199:3. 1993, 185:1, eff. Aug. 8, 1993.

TITLE XV EDUCATION

CHAPTER 199 SCHOOLHOUSES

Location and Building

Section 199:4

199:4 Transfer of Building. –

- I. Upon final completion of the new schoolhouse as determined by the joint building committee, the committee shall vote to accept the building and transfer it to the care and control of the school board.
- II. Whenever a schoolhouse shall no longer be needed for public school purposes, the school board shall transfer its care and control to the city.

Source. 1897, 65:3. 1921, 85, VII:4. PL 122:4. RL 141:4. RSA 199:4. 1993, 185:2, eff. Aug. 8, 1993.



CITY OF MANCHESTER
Board of Aldermen

In Board of Mayor and
Aldermen Date: 1/16/2024
On motion of Ald. Levasseur
Seconded by Ald. Terrio


City Clerk

To: Members, Board of School Committee

From: Lisa McCarthy, Assistant City Clerk 

Date: January 17, 2024

Subject: BMA Vote

Please be advised that it is the position of the members of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen that the district must place all spending as it pertains to Phase I of the school district's Long-Term Facilities Plan on hold until the new Board has had the opportunity to receive a full presentation on the plan, and that all future decisions must go through the Joint School Buildings Committee as laid out in state statute, RSA 199:3.

The BMA has requested that a presentation be made at their February 6 meeting. If there are any new materials regarding Phase I of the plan, please provide them to the City Clerk's Office by noon on Monday, January 29 so that we may include them in the agenda packet.

Thank you.