
Also in attendance: Scott Osgood, Shannon Reid, Bill Beyer, Mike Marr, and Kelly Chapman.

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. at Manchester Community College, Manchester, NH.

1. River Valley CC - Keene

Mr. Mallat referred the Keene renovation to Chancellor Gustafson.

Dr. Gustafson gave a brief background on the Roosevelt School purchase and renovation. Our capital appropriation was $1,950,000, of which $940,000 was available for renovation. As the renovations began, unforeseen issues arose. It was felt that addressing these items during the current renovation phase – including the completion of science and nursing labs - was the most cost-effective and best way to ensure the building meets the needs of the student population. Funds were identified from the lapse account and RVCC’s operating budget to complete the work. The matrix showing changes and project additions was circulated and explained. The total cost to complete this phase of work is $1.4 million.

President Budd said that a future biennium capital budget request will include funds to further renovate the space to meet emerging enrollment and program demand.

Question was raised if we should go back to the designers to address items they missed in their initial work.
Mr. Osgood explained the evolution of this project. Major changes resulted from making choices to accommodate ADA issues and responding to unanticipated requirements that resulted from code interpretations by the third party reviewers hired by the city of Keene.

Mr. Guyer noted similar issues with a major school construction project he is involved with, and that third-party review can lead to unanticipated work that is the result of particular interpretations of code.

Mr. Rioux suggested that for all future projects, we should contract for more in-depth design work prior to making the funding request. Dr. Gustafson noted that the capital budget proposal includes planning funds each biennium, which should help us avoid some of the issues that arose in this project.

Mr. Heath requested that we develop a format when submitting information for project approval – one that can be easily understood. This would be presented to this Committee before the start of the project.

VOTE: The Committee, on motion of Mr. Guyer, seconded by Mr. Heath voted unanimously to move the approval of the River Valley CC, Keene, Phase I construction project with changes and to forward the non-lapse fund request to the Finance Committee and full Board for approval.

President Budd added that fall enrollment grew 31% - 190 to 240 students. There is demand in the area.

The meeting adjourned at 8:59 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Anne Mills
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