Hillcrest Middle School
Building Committee

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Town Hall
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Hillcrest Middle School Building Committee
September 29, 2026
7:00 pm
Council Chambers, Trumbull Town Hall

Present: Joseph Costa, Jeff Alterman, Bob Gerbert, John Morello, Ann Sather, Fran Basbagill, Bill Mecca and Andrew Lubin

Also Present: Robert Tencza, Arcadis; Daniel Scorpio, Arcadis; John Butkus, Arcadis; Michael Scott; TSKP; Gregory Raucci, Bismark Construction; Ron Rossomondo, Bismark Construction; Attorney James Nugent; Brian Rickert, Hillcrest Middle School Principal

Absent: J. C. Cinelli

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call.

Past Minutes
Mr. Lubin motioned to approve the minutes of September 8, 2026 as written; seconded by Mr. Mecca. Approved by unanimous consent.

Public Comment
No public comment.

Review and Approval of Invoices
Mr. Tencza presented the following invoices for approval:

1. TSKP Invoice #250501-15 for services through August for $76,000
2. Arcadis Invoice #36157743 for services through August for $15,400
3. Bismark Construction Services payout #5 in the amount of $781,324.96

Mr. Gerbert motioned to approve the three invoices in the amount stated. All invoices were reviewed and approved by the appropriate individuals. Approximately 5.58% project completion. **Seconded by Ms. Sather and approved by unanimous consent.**

New Business

Architect's Project Update – TSKP

Mr. Scott had no update.

OPM's Project Update - Arcadis

Mr. Scorpio noted the following for Phase 1:

1. Screening and stockpiling of the soil is going well.
2. Site has held up well with the rain.
3. Daily activities are progressing.
4. Multivista will be back on site September 30 to take another set of progress photos. Images have been uploaded to the Multivista site. They will be requested to set up accounts for everyone to view photos.
5. Web camera was discussed. Could be provided by TPS IT; more cost effective if done in-house.

Mr. Tencza noted:

1. Phase 2 - concluded bidding and provided bid alternates with descriptions. Not requesting approval of any bid alternates at this time. The main Phase 2 alternate is the PV. Alternates were reviewed including PV and deduct alternates such as deleting the folding partition in the flex classroom in the lower level ($20,000); deleting horizontal and solar shading devices on the curtain wall and store front assemblies ($100,000); deleting exterior bus canopies ($172,000). One additional alternate was discussed regarding door hardware specific to Trumbull Public Schools; deleting pre-cast seating in the courtyard of the library.

Discussion was held regarding the purchase of PV and time line for benefits. Panels have a lifespan of approximately 20 years. Bike racks remain in the plan to provide LEED points; racks have been repositioned to the side of the bus canopies in the front for public use. Bus canopies were discussed; not as large as the current canopies.

2. Two action items were discussed.
    a. TSKP Add Service Proposal for Geotechnical Field Oversite and Interim Stormwater Monitoring. There was a need for a geotechnical engineer; TSKP put together a proposal to use the original engineer on the project to do the monitoring. This is a not-to-exceed $50,000.
    b. Stormwater monitoring is required for the new DEEP Stormwater permitting; required to have inspections by a qualified inspector on a weekly basis and after any rain incident above ½ inch of rain. Langan can provide this for $1,000 per visit; aware the Building Committee may investigate other proposals. These costs are all eligible for State reimbursement. Currently there is a not-to-exceed of $12,000 to cover until a permanent monitoring service is in place. Discussion was held regarding frequency of visits. Monthly visits are required for one year after completion of the system through 2029 (estimated 160 visits in total). Pricing from three vendors was discussed. Would need to follow Town procurement rules. State contractors could be option. Discussion was held regarding the process for TSKP holding the contract with Tighe & Bond for sediment and erosion control measures. **Mr. Gerbert motioned to approve an allowance of $110,000 to TSKP to retain Tighe & Bond for storm water management. Seconded by Ms. Sather and approved.**

Discussion was held regarding the geotechnical engineer. Recommendation was to approve TSKP for $62,000 to cover expenses by Langan already spent on soil and erosion and geotechnical; moving forward does not anticipate spending the entire amount. TSKP will provide statements as services are provided. **Mr. Gerbert motioned to approve the $62,000 for TSKP to provide geotechnical supervision and stormwater allowance. Seconded by Ms. Basbagill and approved.**

Mr. Rickert thanked the Committee for their work. He noted the priority of the school district is PV. Other alternatives can be considered when the numbers are received from Bismark. Pre-case seating was discussed. There is currently a courtyard at Hillcrest; felt the outside seating would be used frequently; would be beneficial for the students.

Construction Manager Update - Bismark

Mr. Raucci noted the following:

1. Over three hundred RFIs were addressed.
2. Bids were received; scope reviews started; looking to send out letters of intent.
3. GMP approval will be addressed on October 13.
4. Ground breaking is scheduled for October 22 at 10 am.
5. Discussed ground construction progress.
6. Sanitary has begun.
7. Power line was damaged to the softball field; was not marked. Working up costs to repair.

Budget was discussed. CD budget was approximately $97,056,000; actual cost was approximately $88,000,000. 5% scope gap is carried until the numbers are locked in. Under budget on construction costs; approximately $9,000,000.

Individual bid packages were reviewed for concrete and steel. Ralph Camputaro & Son Excavating Inc. was the low bidder at $3,948,000; would like to proceed with a letter of intent. United Steel, Inc. came in at $6,644,000. Both bidders had all required documentation. Electrical contract; only received one bid from Ferguson; bid was over bonding capacity for five bidders who withdrew. Bid was reviewed noting it was $4,000,000 over budget; copper price has increased. Two options were discussed – proceed with the current bid or rebid by breaking up the package into smaller components that might be bid by smaller contractors. Felt rebid was a viable option with current timeline for switch gear and generator; rebid would fit the timeline with scope review in early November.

Mr. Gerbert motioned to approve Camputaro as the concrete subcontractor for $3,948,000. Seconded by Mr. Lubin and approved. Mr. Gerbert motioned to approve United Steel as the structural steel contractor for $6,644,000. Seconded by Mr. Lubin and approved.

Discussion was held regarding the bids for electrical, plumbing and HVAC. Bismark will continue to scope bids for review at the next meeting. The Committee felt it best to repackage and rebid electrical. Looking for approval for plumbing on October 13. Rebid will be for a security package, electrical package and controls package. PV will remain as previously bid.

Actions/Approval of Building Committee
No additional approvals.

Next Meeting
October 13, 2026 at 7:00 pm.

Adjournment
There being no further business, Ms. Basbagill motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 pm; seconded by Mr. Mecca. Approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Crandall
Clerk