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3	SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE
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8	NOVEMBER 17, 2023 9:00 A.M.
9	2000 SMITH STREET NORTH PROVIDENCE, RI
11	PRESENT:
112 113 114 115 116 117 118 119 220 221	G. RICHARD FOSSA, CHAIRMAN MAYOR CHARLES LOMBARDI (PARTIAL) MARIA VALLEE JAMES FUOROLI DR. FRANK PALLOTTA JOSEPH GOHO LISA CASINELLI STEVEN PITASSI CHUCK POLLOCK ROBERT O'BRIEN MATTHEW MCBURNIE, LEFT FIELD CHRIS SPIEGEL, LEFT FIELD PHILIP CONTE, STUDIO JAED
23 24	SUSAN V. FITZPATRICK
25	CERTIFIED COURT REPORTER

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THE CHAIRMAN: Okay, we are going to record this
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   meeting because Sue Fitzpatrick couldn't make it. So speak
   up so everyone will be heard. We called this meeting because
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   we were trying to make deadlines and we don't want to fall
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   behind. So I'm going to turn it over to you.
                MR. MCBURNIE: All right, so --
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                MR. RUGGERIO: Chief, before we do that, can we
    just do a roll call?
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                THE CHAIRMAN: Oh, okay.
                MR. RUGGERIO: So we'll know if we have a
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   quorum.
                THE CHAIRMAN: Okay. Dino Autiello, not here.
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    Donna Hanley, but I don't think Donna is a --
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                MR. GOHO: Not a voting member.
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                THE CHAIRMAN: She's not a voting member.
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                MR. RUGGERIO: Okay.
                THE CHAIRMAN: Lisa Casinelli?
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                MS. CASINELLI: Here.
                THE CHAIRMAN: Here. Frank, Dr. Pallotta, is
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   here. Richard Fossa is here. Jennifer.
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                MR. FUOROLI: She's not a voting member either.
                THE CHAIRMAN: Not a voting member, okay. Jim
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   Fuoroli is here, Joe Goho is here. Sue Fitzpatrick, she's
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   not here. Joseph Nickerson. Maria Vallee is here. Mario
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   Martone is missing in action. Mayor Charles Lombardi won't
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be here, Robert O'Brien won't be here, Ron Baccala won't be
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    here. Steve Pitassi is present. Where's Tommy Norato?
                VOICE: He's working.
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                THE CHAIRMAN: He's putting someone down, I
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    guess he has to be where he is. He's a funeral director, by
    the way. All right, do we have --
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                MR. RUGGERIO: All right, so we have 8.
                DR. PALLOTTA: We have 8.
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                MR. POLLOCK: You forgot me.
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                MR. RUGGERIO: Did you call Chuck?
                THE CHAIRMAN: I didn't.
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                MR. RUGGERIO: Member Pollock is also here, so
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    we have 8. So I believe, is it 14 voting members?
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                THE CHAIRMAN: You're not on this?
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                MR. POLLOCK: I wasn't on at the beginning, so
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    it might not be on there. Yeah, that's all.
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                THE CHAIRMAN: Oh, all right. Pollock is not on
    this one. So you might have 9. So 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9,
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    14, 15.
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                MR. RUGGERIO: We have a quorum.
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                THE CHAIRMAN: Pollock is not on the list.
    you see it on there? He's not on there.
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                MS. VALLEE: (Inaudible).
                MR. POLLOCK: Yeah, the second list came out,
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DR. PALLOTTA: Yes, he's on the second list,
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   he's on the second list.
                 THE CHAIRMAN: So we've got 9, so we're okay,
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                 DR. PALLOTTA: We've got 8.
                 MR. RUGGERIO: We have 8 voting member with
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    Chuck, we have a quorum.
                 THE CHAIRMAN: It's all yours, my friend.
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                 MR. MCBURNIE: All right, so for the agenda
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    today, we, on every one of the school building committee
    meetings we have a current financial status discussion.
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    will then move into the updated elementary school program
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    design. Phil, everyone should have a handout of the design.
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    Unfortunately there's not a TV in the room, but we'll go
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    through.
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                 THE CHAIRMAN: They're giving a class, so we
    don't have the TV here.
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                 MR. MCBURNIE: No problem. And then we will
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    have discussion/action, and that will be discussion and
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    possible vote on the realigned project delivery and methods
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    following the change in elementary school program scope of
    work. So first item, Maria, do you have a financial update
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    for the meeting?
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                MR. MCBURNIE: Okay.
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MR. SPIEGEL: May I add one thing? The first
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    PayGo application is ready for Maria's review, it will be
    sent to her by the end of the day.
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                 THE CHAIRMAN: Speak up to we are hearing it on
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    the -- Maria, speak up so we get it on the tape.
                MS. VALLEE: I think we are missing an AIA
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    document for the request.
                MR. SPIEGEL: Oh, that's for the invoice.
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    the Pay-Go application --
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                MS. VALLEE: No, for the PayGo, they are
    requiring an AIA, because as I was waiting to hear back from
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    you I was trying to get all the information, like copies of
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    invoices, and they need the AIA contract.
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                MR. MCBURNIE: So that one would be for Studio
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    JAED.
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                MS. VALLEE:
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                MR. MCBURNIE: And Charlie just said that he is
    good with the latest edit. So he's going to send that over
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    to me for me to send to Lisa for the Mayor to sign. So we
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    should have that.
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                MS. VALLEE:
                             So that PayGo, we can't submit it
    unless we have all the documentation that they are requiring.
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                MR. SPIEGEL: Okay.
                MR. MCBURNIE: And the one that was sent out by
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   me is signed already, correct, Charlie?
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MR. RUGGERIO: Which one? 1 2 MR. MCBURNIE: They authored, they executed it, right? 3 MR. RUGGERIO: Studio JAED? 4 5 MR. MCBURNIE: Yes. MR. RUGGERIO: They did sign it, yes. 6 7 MR. MCBURNIE: All right, so that will be simple. Okay, any other financial related questions? 8 9 (BRIEF PAUSE) 10 MR. MCBURNIE: Okay, we'll move into the updated elementary school program design. 11 MR. SPIEGEL: Before I turn it over to Phil, 12 just a couple of comments. So you're going to be seeing a 13 few design changes today on the plan. These are a direct 14 15 result of the school building committee having tasked us with 16 continuing to try to find value in the design at every step 17 of the process, which would make the project, make sure that we don't eliminate any scope and the project remains on 18 budget. Also, some of these design changes are a result of 19 our meeting with Doctor Joe DaSilva, of which Frank Pallotta 20 21 and Jimmy were also present. You'll see some specific things on the site plan which Dr. DaSilva was insistent on, and we 22 23 can walk through those. Phil? Great, good morning everyone. 2.4 MR. CONTE: 25 begin with the first page which is the current --

MR. RUGGERIO: Phil, state your name so Sue knows.

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Sure, Philip Conte, Studio JAED. MR. CONTE: The first plan is the revised site plan for Whelan Elementary. And if you recall, there was some comment from this committee to incorporate the parking closer to Mineral Spring Avenue, which we have been able to do. We have also been able to move the secure playground area closer to the building and attach it to the building so there's convenient access to that area, as well as provide additional closer handicapped parking and drop off to the front, as well as a service road across the back. We were able to do this because we had transitioned Whelan from a single story building to a partial 2 story building. If you go to the next page, there are 2 plans. The top one is the main level plan, which is consistent with the previous program. where we had a wing of classrooms that would have extended north of this plan vertically, we have actually created it an exact amount of classroom space on a lower level beneath the existing classrooms on the main level. So the bottom plan represents the second floor of the building, but it's not a second floor above the main level. I would like to call your attention to the next page, which is a rendering of the 2 story portion of the building. So we have been able to utilize the grade much more efficiently by moving the

building closer to the street. That allows us to have 2 1 2 stories on the bus drop off loop. It reduced the amount of perimeter of the building in terms of finish materials, and 3 it allowed for that service road across the back. So we have 4 made a much more compact building; and when buildings are 5 compact, structural steel becomes more efficient, the roofing 6 7 becomes more efficient and we are able to reduce a significant amount of perimeter finish materials. There has 8 been no change to the programatic functions, they are 9 10 consistent with what we started originally. But the design is no longer a single story structure, it is now a partial 2 11 story structure. And fits much, much better into the site. 12 THE CHAIRMAN: Less expensive or more expensive? 13 MR. CONTE: Let's say this, there's more 14 15 economies to construction in a compact 2 story building than 16 there is a sprawling one story building. So all of these 17 changes bring value added benefit to the project, whether 18 it's costs, whether it's efficiency, whether it's schedule, 19 et cetera. The next plan is the --MR. MCBURNIE: Phil, one quick question on 20 21 Whelan. 22 MR. CONTE: Yes. 23 MR. MCBURNIE: So we're looking at a substantial less amount of excavation? 2.4 25 MR. CONTE: Correct.

MR. MCBURNIE: Because of the location? 1 2 MR. CONTE: Correct. 3 MR. MCBURNIE: That will save money. That will save a lot of money. MR. SPIEGEL: 4 5 I think the question that may be on people's minds is is this 2 story building going to require an elevator. 6 7 MR. CONTE: Correct, and we have incorporated an elevator into the project. 8 MR. SPIEGEL: And the cost of the site work, the 9 10 efficiency, I can see the lower level plan and the upper 11 level plan are exact, so that's going to save you a lot of money on steel efficiency. We are competent that the savings 12 and site work, smaller building footprint, will offset the 1.3 cost of the elevator. 14 15 MR. CONTE: Yes. 16 MR. MCBURNIE: And then one other question on 17 the plan here, it might be tough to see, but is there fencing separating the play area? 18 MR. CONTE: Oh absolutely, absolutely. 19 MR. MCBURNIE: From the road there? 20 21 MR. CONTE: Absolutely. MR. MCBURNIE: Okay, I just want to state that. 22 23 Okay. The next site plan is the site plan 2.4 MR. CONTE: 25 for Greystone, which has not changed.

MAYOR LOMBARDI: Phil, hold on, if I can ask you 1 2 a question. 3 MR. CONTE: Yes. MAYOR LOMBARDI: That driveway in the back of 4 the building coming from Alexander? 5 MR. CONTE: 6 Yes. 7 MAYOR LOMBARDI: Do we have to run this by RIDE? MR. SPIEGEL: So this was --8 MR. CONTE: So this is a result of a meeting 9 10 with RIDE. 11 MAYOR LOMBARDI: But has it been back to them? MR. CONTE: No, we have not made the submission 12 to RIDE. We had an informal review at our office with RIDE. 1.3 That's where some of these changes have developed. 14 15 beginning of December we will be making our submission to 16 RIDE. MR. SPIEGEL: So Dr. DaSilva wanted to see this 17 road in the back of the building for a number of reasons. 18 The first reason is deliveries. Schools get a lot of 19 20 deliveries, if you're only going through one door, it can 21 cause disruption to operations. So Dr. DaSilva wanted to see that there. Also, for emergency service vehicles, they 22 23 wanted to be able for emergency vehicles to access the site from multiple angles. That's another reason for this, and it 2.4 25 also provides egress in case of needing to evacuate a little

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quicker as opposed to a slope that people have to get out.
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    So this was insisted upon by RIDE.
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    this, correct?
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                MR. SPIEGEL: Yes.
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                MAYOR LOMBARDI: To this committee?
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                MR. CONTE: Correct.
                MR. POLLOCK: Phil, the plan for that access
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    road is not for parents and whatnot to use that, that's for
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    deliveries and emergency vehicles, et cetera, correct?
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                MR. CONTE:
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    operationally that may come up. The intent is, number one,
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    to provide for service. But it may have other benefits
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    operationally, depending upon how they will either organize
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    arrival or dismissal.
                MAYOR LOMBARDI: So Joe, you've seen this?
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                MR. GOHO: No, this is the first I'm hearing
    about this road. It makes sense in the --
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                MAYOR LOMBARDI: No no, the whole design, the
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    new design?
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                MR. GOHO: This is the first I'm hearing about
    the road and this piece of it.
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                MAYOR LOMBARDI: And the 2 level?
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                MR. GOHO: You had mentioned it, you had
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MR. CONTE: Correct. 1 2 MR. GOHO: This was feedback from Dr. DaSilva. 3 MR. CONTE: Yes. MR. GOHO: That there would be some adjustments, 4 5 possibly a more compact building. MR. CONTE: Yes. 6 7 MR. GOHO: It does makes sense though, Jimmy, because you know, all the, you drive into the front of 8 Whelan, with only one entrance, a lot of times there's trucks 9 10 there, there's deliveries there and it makes it very --11 MR. FUOROLI: Don't you think the parents will use it or whatever? 12 MR. GOHO: Yeah, they may end up using this, 13 they may end up using it. I mean, that may be a benefit, 14 15 but, or we can put up signage. 16 MR. FUOROLI: Yeah. 17 MR. GOHO: You know, whatever. 18 MR. SPIEGEL: Cones in the morning is what my school does. 19 20 MR. GOHO: Yeah. 21 MR. CONTE: One thing that is of value to this now is that you have on all 4 sides of the building the 22 23 ability to either receive or discharge students. You have a pedestrian piece on Alexander, you have vehicular on 24 25 Alexander, you have the bus drop off and then you have the

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loop in the front. So you are afforded a lot of flexibility
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    here.
                MR. GOHO: So to answer the Mayor's question,
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    when we met, me, you and Louise and Cindy with Phil last
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    week --
                MR. FUOROLI: Yes, I don't remember (inaudible).
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                MR. GOHO: Yes, this wasn't on there.
                MR. CONTE: Yeah, we reviewed the program of the
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   building.
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                MR. GOHO: Right, okay.
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                MR. CONTE:
                             The 2 story piece.
                MAYOR LOMBARDI: Well, that's what I'm asking,
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    the 2 story piece, so you guys knew about this?
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                MR. FUOROLI: Yes.
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                MR. GOHO: Yeah, the access road, no, the 2
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    story piece, the compact design of the building, you did
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    mention that to us when we met with you last week.
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                MR. CONTE:
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                MAYOR LOMBARDI: The reason why I ask these
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    questions, let me just get it off my chest, that any new
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    design at any of this project comes to this committee first.
    You understand that, right?
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                MR. CONTE: Yup, yup. What we presented to RIDE
    at our office was the original designs that we had discussed.
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it to you, and then this would go back to RIDE.
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                MR. MCBURNIE: Is Terry Street a one way?
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                MR. MCBURNIE: Terry Street?
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                MR. FUOROLI: Yes, it is.
                MR. MCBURNIE: So then for parents to drop off
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    without using the service road, they'd have to come down
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    Alexander and turn on to Terry Street?
                MR. SPIEGEL: That's how they, that's how they
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    currently come down is they turn on to Terry Street.
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                MR. MCBURNIE: Off of Mineral Spring or off of
   Alexander?
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                MR. SPIEGEL: No no, that's a one way. So they
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    come off the street that's not visible on the southern side
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    of the plan. They come in and they take a left and then
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    and come around.
                MR. MCBURNIE: Okay. So would the bus route be
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    the same route for the parents, getting into the building?
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                MR. FUOROLI: I would think it should be.
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                MR. SPIEGEL: So it would be, but there's only 5
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   buses and they all can get off the street.
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                MR. MCBURNIE: Okay.
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                MR. SPIEGEL: So yeah, I understand where you're
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going, yeah, we're worried about bus and traffic congestion, buses unloading and then you have got the cars to back up. So as long as the buses are off the street, which Phil shows that's 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 here on the plan that can fit. I think this mitigates that impact.

MR. MCBURNIE: Okay.

MR. CONTE: Currently buses and cars are on both on the street.

MR. MCBURNIE: Yes, understood.

MR. GOHO: Phil, let me just ask this question. So when we met last week, some of the program questions that you had were specifically related to special education, bump out areas and how they are going to be used, where they should be located in the building. So I think that's why you needed input from us and from Ms. VanAvery. But she's not a member of this committee. So I agree with the Mayor, obviously bring everything here. But if you need program feedback, would you bring it to this committee first and then go back to say, say I have to involve like the building principal or special ed director and they say — they may differ from the feedback that is given to this committee. Then you, you get the program input from them and they want to make changes, do we have to come back to this committee? So I just want to make sure —

MR. CONTE: Sure, so --

MR. GOHO: -- what the process is, everybody knows what the process is here.

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MR. CONTE: Sure, let's talk about what the process was to get this far and then the next step, because there are multiple levels of all (inaudible). So before we developed the plan, we had design meetings with the principal and the administration to make sure programatically we were accommodating the program. That was completed, that's what generated the initial schematic design. Then we went and asked for an informal meeting with RIDE so that they would be on board. And they had some comments, as Chris mentioned. One of them was this road here at Whelan. We will go ahead and submit in early December our schematic design to RIDE. Our work is proceeding. There will be another round of programatic meetings, again, with the administration and the principal to make sure, for example, minor details now, the special ed resource room, is it better located here or is it better located next to another space in the room. We will have that round of discussions again, just like we did previously, make any revisions. And we'll be coming back to this group again before we make our design development submission. And we'll also at that time have any other comments from RIDE on our submissions.

MR. SPIEGEL: To add to that, I do want to be clear, we cannot and we will not submit anything to the Rhode

Island Department of Education until it clears through this
committee. That is essential to the process, it's by
statute. So we cannot submit any documents to RIDE, to
RIDE's portal, unless we have a sign off from the school
building committee.

MR. CONTE: If there's no other questions on

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MR. CONTE: If there's no other questions on Whelan, we can quickly look at Greystone. For all intent and purpose, the site plan at Greystone has not changed. We still have separate parent drop off and bus drop off as well as the necessary play areas and parking. If we go to the floor plan, again for all intent and purpose, the floor plan has not changed on the first floor. What we have added on the following sheet is a partial second floor component, which stacks over the first drawing. That's how we are consolidating going from 3 schools to 2 schools.

MR. SPIEGEL: And that has not changed from the last submission, Greystone was a 2 story school at that time. That has not changed.

MR. CONTE: And the last page is just a conceptual rendering of Greystone.

MR. SPIEGEL: I would like to add to Phil's comment, in our meeting with RIDE, with Jimmy and Dr. Pallotta, RIDE was very happy overall with the design of the building, they felt it facilitated 21st century learning. They liked some of the elements that would make the school

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different and fostering sort of collaborative culture, which
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    is there big push. Jimmy or Dr. Pallotta, do you guys have
    any comments on the, Jimmy or Dr. Pallotta, do you have any
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    other comments on the RIDE meeting?
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                 DR. PALLOTTA: Yes, SLAM was also there, right?
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                 MR. SPIEGEL:
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                 DR. PALLOTTA: I thought Joe DaSilva was, had a
    lot of good input, insightful input, onto the building based
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    on what he's seeing in other schools that are being built
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    around the state. He was very helpful to us, particularly
    with the Whelan project, to incorporate the changes.
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    satisfied with his input, in everybody's input.
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                 MR. FUOROLI: It was one of the better meetings
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    we have ever had with him.
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                 MR. MCBURNIE: So Phil, my question is centered
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    around the size of this versus kind of the last, the last
    design that we saw back when we decided to go 3 to 2.
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    this is now, are we at 70, almost 76 thousand?
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MR. MCBURNIE: And prior to this we were at 63 1 for the combined or 64? 2 Maybe a little bit, yeah. 3 MR. CONTE: Something like that. MR. MCBURNIE: 4 5 I would say the mid 60s at least. MR. CONTE: And am I understanding that the MR. MCBURNIE: 6 7 increase in square footage is because this is now a 4 track school? 8 MR. CONTE: 9 Correct. 10 MR. MCBURNIE: Okay, so that is something to consider going up in size to make it the 4 track is it will 11 12 have an impact to the budget because we are adding about 13 thousand square feet or so, around there. So we will relook 1.3 at the bucket with this larger school, but is there any area 14 15 for cutting down on the added square footage? 16 MR. CONTE: So our first and our initial 17 reaction to any cost cutting measures would be to maybe start 18 reducing the size of the classroom. Not necessarily, at least at this point, reducing classrooms. 19 20 MR. MCBURNIE: Okay. 21 MR. CONTE: In my opinion, it would be criminal to not build Greystone as big as it can be so that you have 22 23 some flexibility in the future for growth. If there is a bubble that comes through or if there is a reason to, you 2.4

know, take a classroom for another function. So we want to

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make Greystone 4 track. If that means we need to tighten up 1 2 the classrooms a little bit, we certainly can. The size of these classrooms are in line with the RIDE quidelines, but we 3 are afforded the flexibility to, you know, deviate from that 4 and reduce as we need to. In other communities we have done 5 6 that. 7 MR. GOHO: Matt, can you expand on that, like when you said, you know, making Greystone bigger and making 8 it a 4 track school is going to add to the, you know, 9 10 increase budget, what budget? MR. MCBURNIE: So when we, when had the meeting 11 maybe about a month ago to go from 3 to 2 and consolidate, 12 the assumed square footage of consolidated Greystone and 13 Centredale was about 63 thousand, 64 thousand square feet. 14 15 MR. GOHO: So it assumed that we had a 3 track 16 school? 17 MR. MCBURNIE: Yes. MR. SPIEGEL: With a few flexible classrooms. 18 So it was a 3 track school with 2 flexible classrooms. 19 20 have increased it to 75? 21 MR. MCBURNIE: 76. 76 thousand square feet. 22 MR. SPIEGEL: MR. MCBURNIE: Yes, so at that time, assumptions 23 in the design were a 3 track school with flexible classrooms. 24 25 What I see here is a 4 track school. Are there flexible

classrooms as well? 1 2 MR. CONTE: No. MR. MCBURNIE: No, okay. So that's a change in 3 the program with added square footage. So we can look at the 4 5 budget and see what that does to the budget, still holding the \$765 per square foot assumption for construction costs. 6 7 MR. GOHO: So a 3 track school was like literally designed and priced out at some point? 8 MR. MCBURNIE: That was the --9 10 MR. GOHO: (Inaudible). MR. MCBURNIE: That was the quick design for a 11 70 percent schematic design. That came before the committee, 12 that was when we voted, well, when the committee voted to go 1.3 to a consolidated Greystone to take over the Centredale, that 14 15 was the design that was shown at that point. 16 MR. SPIEGEL: It was the same design that was 17 shown to the school committee. DR. PALLOTTA: So between the 2 schools, when we 18 19 had the 3 school project, the square footage between the 2 20 schools was a total of approximately? 21 MR. MCBURNIE: It was just under 70 thousand, I believe, because it was 34 and 32. 22 23 DR. PALLOTTA: For the 2 schools, Centredale and Greystone? 24 25 MR. MCBURNIE: Yes, if you add them together.

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DR. PALLOTTA:
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    68 thousand square feet, or roughly?
                MR. MCBURNIE: What's on here is --
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                 DR. PALLOTTA: Square footage?
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                MR. MCBURNIE: Is 76 thousand. What we looked
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    at when we voted to consolidate, when the committee voted to
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    consolidate, was about 64 thousand, 65 thousand, so that kind
    of took the 2, combined it into one, apples to apples. Not
    -- and that was a 3 track school, both of those were 3 track.
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    This is now a 4 track school, so slightly larger than the 2
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    separate ones were.
                 DR. PALLOTTA: With the 3 schools, the square
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    footage cost was lower?
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                MR. SPIEGEL: Oh no, the square footage costs
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    were much higher.
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                DR. PALLOTTA: Were higher.
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                MR. MCBURNIE: Much higher, $920 per square feet
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    on average across the 3.
                DR. PALLOTTA: When had the 3 schools?
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                MR. MCBURNIE: Yes.
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                 DR. PALLOTTA: So it's not going to be 7 change?
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    board, around 950, just we'll say 950 for all 3 schools.
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                 DR. PALLOTTA: So the 2 schools, the square
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footage cost is what, under 800? 1 2 MR. MCBURNIE: It's \$765 per square foot. And the reason for that is because the square footage skews the 3 number. If you are building a 30 thousand square foot 4 school, you still need the foundations, site work, structural 5 steel, everything that goes into building the building. But 6 7 now you spread that dollar value over a larger school, so that's why that number drops. 8 MR. SPIEGEL: And then the other thing is as 9 10 Phil alluded to, you find efficiencies when you build 2 stories, right. You can condense the building footprint, 11 there's less site work, your steel is more efficient, the 12 building in general is usually more efficient. Do you 13 remember what the efficiency number is? 14 15 MR. CONTE: No, I don't. MR. MCBURNIE: We can --16 MR. SPIEGEL: You can build a much more 17 18 efficient building. MR. MCBURNIE: We can discuss this further in 19 the next agenda item because the Whelan number is still at 20 21 \$965 per square feet, but that will be open for more discussion next. So with all that said -- yes, Mayor? 22 23 MAYOR LOMBARDI: If I may, I think we talked

about, especially with Greystone, make sure we're not building a school that we're maxing out now and not plan a

little bit for the future. 1 2 MR. MCBURNIE: Right, right. 3 MAYOR LOMBARDI: Correct, right? MR. GOHO: Yeah, you can't build a classroom and 4 5 have to add portable classrooms -- I mean a brand new school having consolidated one school and then have to put portable 6 7 classroom on it later. MR. SPIEGEL: We all agreed that a 4 track 8 school is the right way to go and that's why we've tasked 9 10 Phil as part of this Whelan thing is by looking at ways that we can continue to make the buildings more efficient, 11 continuing to value manage the project, not sacrifice scope, 12 but make sure that we can find any efficiency possible to 1.3 keep the project going. 14 15 MR. MCBURNIE: So my initial statement was just 16 to say the budget will have to be revised with this larger 17 square foot and see if we have to make any sort of changes 18 within this design, keeping it a 4 track and keeping the capacity available for future. 19 20 MR. GOHO: Yes, I mean when you say it's going 21 to impact the budget, that caught my by surprise because we did vote on the concept of consolidating from 3 schools to 2. 22 23 MR. MCBURNIE: Correct.

MR. GOHO: But this committee never really voted on a number or a budget. So, I mean I don't know why it

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MR. MCBURNIE: Well, when I say --

MR. GOHO: When you build a school and design a 3 track school and then that would be the number that you are basing your, you know, the pitch to the building committee.

MR. MCBURNIE: Right. When we looked at that consolidation, the consolidated Greystone was smaller than what we are looking at now. So this is an update from when the committee voted on that. And when I say impact to the budget, I mean on the cost side, not on the funding side. So we are still at 125 million, that's where the project as a whole stands. But just to see where it shakes out on the cost side to see if any changes need to be made within the design.

MR. GOHO: But what Phil is saying is if we have to find some efficiencies, we can do it by keeping the same number of classrooms, which would keep it at 4 tracks, but make those classrooms smaller?

MR. SPIEGEL: So there's ways to do it, reduce the size of hallways, reduce the size of classrooms, there are efficiencies to be found. But that's why we challenge Phil and his team and SLAM to say make the building more efficient, make the building more efficient, make the building more efficient, because that's the way that we're going to be able to keep all of your scope and have — make

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sure it's a 4 track school so that you are primed for future
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   growth. It's not an easy process, that's why we have to be
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    that is what this process is at this point.
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                MR. MCBURNIE: Phil, what are the rooms at now
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                MAYOR LOMBARDI: I think efficiency is very,
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   very important. But to jeopardize, you know, future
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                MR. MCBURNIE: Right, right.
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                MAYOR LOMBARDI: What you predict as far as a
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years, there enrollments shift, right? So what I anticipate, and we're seeing it at Whelan -- excuse me, we are seeing it at McGuire and Stephen Olney, like people are moving into the town, they are moving to those locations, and it's for the new schools, because those 2 schools are packed.

MR. SPIEGEL: If you build it, they will come.

MR. GOHO: Now when we have 5 new elementary schools, you know, you're going to have, obviously, especially surrounding communities, they're going to see that North Providence is more desirable, so that's a benefit to all the taxpayers, homeowners and whatnot. But you're probably going to have people from charter schools that come back into the town as well.

MR. SPIEGEL: So I think -- I'm sorry.

MR. GOHO: And I don't think the -- the NESDEC enrollment doesn't account for that. So the NESDEC enrollment projection just looks at natural births. It doesn't take into account, okay, you're going to have new buildings and that may attract, you know, more families.

MAYOR LOMBARDI: I think our demographics as to where we are and the communities that we abut, I mean if you lived in the city or you lived in Pawtucket, you know, wouldn't you want to send your children here if you had the opportunity?

MR. SPIEGEL: You'll be the only district in

Rhode Island that has all new elementary schools. You'll be the only one.

MR. GOHO: Yes, and like I said at the previous meeting, if we open up a 3 track school, we would immediately have excessive class size in the primary grades, which would cost us money, and our parents would be irate. So I don't even know how a 3 track school was even looked at as feasible and figured into the -- I mean, I've got to be honest, I looked at the numbers combined, our current enrollment, and I saw massive overages K through 3. So I don't even know how a 3 track school got put to paper and budgeted. That's just my honest opinion.

THE CHAIRMAN: Joe, you have to be getting a lot of additional students from the Marieville area and the Lymansville area because those are like, seem to be the 2 oldest areas in town where people, like in Lymansville, most of those old families are gone. The families are moving are younger families with children. So you take the DiStefano's, there were no kids in that family, they all sold their houses, their houses are gone. Those houses are occupied by people with kids now. No one is going to move into a house, a husband and wife, and move in a 3 bedroom home.

MR. RUGGERIO: Chief, I actually have a question.

THE CHAIRMAN: Yes.

MR. RUGGERIO: Is there was in any of the projections, the zoning changes and the density changes through some of the proposed state zoning changes, were those considered at all as part of this?

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MR. SPIEGEL: So those would be considered if a full demographic study was done way during the phase stage 1 at the very beginning of this project. RIDE tells us to use the NESDEC numbers, NESDEC numbers are based on cohort survival, which is just a way of saying births and things like that. Unfortunately, NESDEC numbers do not take into account new starts and building construction, permits that have been issued for building construction, any of those other things. I think one of the things that would limit a giant increase in enrollment is that North Providence is primarily built out. There's just a little area, is that true, Mr. Mayor?

MAYOR LOMBARDI: Yes, we are about 99 percent developed.

MR. SPIEGEL: But, having said that, if we look at East Providence high school, now high school is a little bit different than an elementary school, but East Providence high school after it was completed, they saw a retainage of close to 90 students. So 90 students that would be going out of district to other schools came back to East Providence high school. So substantial, but it also, you know, in terms

of the school operations budget, the more students you can keep in the schools, the less money you're -- les North Providence taxpayer money that's going to charter schools outside of the district, so.

MAYOR LOMBARDI: And I think that's why, very very important, especially as Dick just mentioned, at that end, we closed that Marieville School. So now all we have is going to be Whelan School. So I think we need to make sure we dot our I's and cross our T's to address the future possibility of the additional future enrollment.

MR. SPIEGEL: So, and another thing just to kind of keep in this conversation, unfortunately, RIDE also limits your funding based on your projected amount of students. So we can't over (inaudible) based on — they will only reimburse you for what your projected number of students are. So we couldn't make this a 5 track school if we have the money and just say we know we're going to get more kids. RIDE will support a 4 track school.

MR. GOHO: And a 4 track school more than covers any anticipated enrollment. And as I said, when I immediately looked at a 3 track school, I immediately saw increased costs for the school department. I don't even know how that ever got put pen to paper. Everybody had the enrollment numbers currently. So to hear that, you know, going to a 4 track school is going to impact the budget, it's

like, it's disappointing to hear that. But the bright side, 1 2 as you're saying, the class size can be shaved to mitigate 3 that. MR. CONTE: Yes, there's a lot of budget 4 5 strategies we will have as we develop these documents further. 6 7 MR. SPIEGEL: Yeah, we are continuing to challenge the architect for any efficiencies, we are 8 continuing to look at project delivery methods to see if we 9 10 can, how we can manage this project more effectively. we are very early stage still, there's still a lot of work to 11 do. As you get more into a project, the drawings get more 12 finalized, stuff like that, the price. 13 MR. GOHO: No, it's just, I hate to be, I'm not 14 15 trying to beat a dead horse, but everybody had the enrollment numbers, so how a 3 track school could have been put together 16 17 as feasible, presented to this committee as feasible and a 18 number attached to that, and given the current enrollment, I'm not even talking about projections, we are talking about 19 what we have currently, it's only going to increase. But 20 21 we're good, RIDE is good with 4? MR. SPIEGEL: Mm-hmm, RIDE is good with 4. 22 MR. CONTE: Yes. 23 MR. MCBURNIE: Just to add a little 24

clarification to that, at the last -- the budget was based on

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square footage, not 3 track versus 4 track. So assuming 66 thousand square feet, what can fit in there. And I think that's what's been figured out is a 4 track cannot fit within the 66 thousand square feet, so that's why there's been an increase of the building size.

MR. SPIEGEL: But we're at 76 thousand right now, we just need to keep knocking off a little bit. And just the classrooms alone, I think, is a couple thousand square feet right there, so.

MR. MCBURNIE: And we're at a very conservative dollars per central square foot value as well. So if we go through a program change and that number comes down, then it --

MR. SPIEGEL: And we have 8 million in our owner's contingency, 8 million, plus the 5 million in health and safety projects too. There's, there's a lot of avenues. We want to keep that health and safety money because there are improvements that need to be done to the middle school and to the high school as well.

MAYOR LOMBARDI: What do you see happening, if I may, with the, maybe a loaded question, the square footage cost, where do you see that going?

MR. MCBURNIE: Going down a little bit. Only because we are at schematic design now. So when that number is generated by a contractor, a construction manager or even

a third party estimator, they have to put unknowns into the 1 2 number so they have contingencies within there own numbers. And then on top of that they have contingencies. So when the 3 design is further developed, there's less unknowns and 4 5 they're able to quantify actual what's on paper to cost. MR. SPIEGEL: And Dr. DaSilva made that point in 6 7 our meeting as well, he talked about the contingency, contingencies and things like that that factor into this. 8 9 MAYOR LOMBARDI: Mainly because the scary part 10 was we were at 2 schools 3 years ago was at 550 or whatever, and then all of a sudden the numbers went to a thousand 11 dollars, and that last problem with the 25 million, now we're 12 back down to maybe 750, 765, so. 13 MR. MCBURNIE: Right, and also, we've been doing 14 15 some homework and looking at other projects that are being 16 completed throughout the state, similar size to what 17 Greystone would be, and they're under the \$700 value, so. 18 MR. SPIEGEL: Yes, substantially. MR. MCBURNIE: Once we get to full construction 19 20 documents, we can see where that number really falls. 21 MR. GOHO: I quess I probably would have preferred, had you said with the 4 track school, which has 22 23 been approved by RIDE, we are still within the project budget. 24

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MR. GOHO: That's what I would have preferred 1 2 you said, for the record. But I get what you're saying. 3 MR. MCBURNIE: Yes, okay. MR. SPIEGEL: Yeah, there's, some of the most 4 5 recent buildings that we've seen signed there GMPs are 671, 682, 650, Newport I think is 650. 6 7 MR. MCBURNIE: And then also what we're talking about with the budget, this is considering Whelan as well. 8 9 So Whelan is still at a high dollars per square foot value. 10 So if that number comes down, then that budget can support the added square footage in Greystone. So they can offset a 11 12 bit. MR. SPIEGEL: And that's another driving reason 13 behind that, this 2 story approach now, well, not really 2 14 15 story, but one story with the basement level is to make the 16 building much more efficient to bring that cost per square foot down. 17 18 MR. MCBURNIE: The last Whelan design did not have this shifted footprint, correct? 19 20 MR. SPIEGEL: Correct. 21 MR. MCBURNIE: So it was added, okay. THE CHAIRMAN: So are we still talking rebid 22 23 here? I think that's the next item. MR. SPIEGEL: 2.4 25 MR. MCBURNIE: Well, that's the next item on the

agenda. 1 2 THE CHAIRMAN: Okay. MR. MCBURNIE: All right, any other questions on 3 the design? As it stands now? And my last question is what 4 is our next deliverable with RIDE. 5 THE CHAIRMAN: Can I just say one thing? 6 7 MR. MCBURNIE: Yes. THE CHAIRMAN: I think everyone, and I spoke 8 with a number of people on the committee over the last 3 or 4 9 10 weeks, and everyone was, some people were surprised at that bump that we got, I think everyone was, per square foot, 11 okay. And, but if you, I don't know if I read it somewhere 12 or heard it somewhere, but I was talking with Matt this 1.3 morning, and you might have heard the Pawtucket soccer field 14 15 jumped \$13.6 million from there original. And that just, I 16 just read that yesterday or heard it somewhere. So 13.6, so 17 it's, in a way it feels good that hey, well, we're not the 18 only one. 19 MR. SPIEGEL: I think that also goes to talk about how expensive site work is, right, a soccer stadium 20 2.1 is --THE CHAIRMAN: Yes, they said it was material, 22 it was labor and --23 MR. SPIEGEL: So if we can shrink the building 2.4 25 footprint.

THE CHAIRMAN: And I think building schools is a 1 2 little more difficult than building a soccer field, you know. MR. SPIEGEL: But if we can use the grade to our 3 advantage, that's less, less site work. If we can continue 4 5 to keep the building footprint smaller, it's less site work, the building is more efficient. We use the ways that we 6 7 continue to keep the project on track moving forward. MR. MCBURNIE: Okay, my last question on the 8 design side, what is our next RIDE deliverable? 9 10 MR. CONTE: So our next RIDE deliverable is schematic design, and at that time we will want to make sure 11 12 we have an estimate that aligns with this plan. We intend to send these to our third party cost estimator the first week 13 in December. 14 15 MR. MCBURNIE: Okay. So then we'll need this 16 committee and the school committee to vote to submit to RIDE. MR. SPIEGEL: We will need another round of 17 18 approvals, yes, because we have changed the, we changed from 19 a 3 track to a 4 track. So yes, we will need to -- or a 3 track with extra classrooms to a 4 track. It's really an net 20 21 add on of 4 classrooms, I believe, right? MR. GOHO: Four classrooms. 22 MR. SPIEGEL: Four classrooms. 23 MR. MCBURNIE: Okay. All right, we'll get that 24 25 on the schedule. So the next item on the agenda is

discussion and possible vote on realigned project delivery and methods following change in elementary school program scope of work.

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MR. RUGGERIO: So as we go into that item, Matt, I would just also acknowledge that we have the Mayor present from the start of the meeting. He is an additional voting member, bringing the number to 10 from 9.

MR. MCBURNIE: So the reason, so where we stand now with the elementary schools, we went out to bid for construction manager, Dimeo was the awarded construction manager. They had all 3 schools, Greystone, Centredale and Whelan within one project. The change in program has been so significant now that we would like to put it to this committee to discuss whether or not a change in project delivery method, essentially a go back out for a bid on the 2 schools now, and I would recommend we put in the request for proposals for 3, or 2 options. One is bidding on both the Greystone and the Whelan school, and then 2 below that, so 3 total options, either both or either.

MR. SPIEGEL: So now before we get into that, I would just like to discuss the genesis of where this happened. So at a meeting with Dr. DaSilva and RIDE, we explained how drastic the program scope has changed. Dr. Pallotta and Jimmy were at the meeting, and Dr. Pallotta really fed into this concept of because the scope of work has

changed so much, would we be able to realize value by looking at alternative project delivery methods. Now when we first bid this project, as Matt said, these were 3 schools, they were 3 primarily identical schools. They were all very, very small as well. So when you have 3 buildings like that, it makes much more sense to have one construction manager managing all 3 projects at the same time. You have efficiency of scale, you can stagger your subcontractors, they move from one building to the next, there's, there's a lot of efficiencies, and we have been talking about today efficiencies. Efficiency means money, it means cost savings of the project. And, you know, after that meeting, Dr. Pallotta, Jimmy was at the meeting as well, including Dr. DaSilva, they asked us to investigate the possibility of changing the project delivery method due to the drastic change in scope from what was originally bid to now. We have spoken with legal counsel, I would ask now that Charlie, if you have anything to say about this.

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MR. RUGGERIO: I would just note that the existing agreement with Dimeo affords us the opportunity through a specific design phase to terminate our relationship with there services as the, as the manager for that project. So we have an opportunity now, and now is the time if we're considering making this change, to make it before we go any further through the design phase. And that provision is

specifically set forth in there agreement. So if we're going to make this decision now, it's really the time to do so.

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MR. SPIEGEL: And I want to reinforce this is, this has to do with the change in program scope. This doesn't have to do with performance or anything like that. This has to do with how drastically this program has changed and whether the Town of North Providence sees value or would realize value from a rebidding.

MR. MCBURNIE: Yes, Mayor?

THE CHAIRMAN: Excuse me, again, speak up because this is being taped and Sue Fitzpatrick is going to have to type this up.

MAYOR LOMBARDI: I think because of the significant change in this project, or 2 projects, this to me is a no brainer, we need to go out to rebid. I think even as of the last meeting, if Whelan didn't change and now we are looking at a significant change there also, even if Whelan didn't change and we combined Centredale and Greystone into one school, even at that point I thought we should have rebid, because it's a different project. And if you're building up and not increasing the footprint, so to say, the numbers have to change. I'm not a contractor, but I'll guarantee you that if you went out to rebid right now on the Whelan and Greystone, the numbers, they're going to change significantly. There's no doubt in my mind, so.

MR. MCBURNIE: So there are a couple of parts to that. When we bid out for construction manager, we bid for pre-construction, there general conditions and fee. the dollars per square foot values that we are receiving are trade costs that have come from subcontractors and come from the construction market in the region. So just as a statement, if we do go out to rebid, if the drawings are further developed, we absolutely may see a change in dollars per square foot because the estimate can have less contingencies within the line items. But I do want to say that whoever rebids, they will not be bidding on a trade cost basis, they will be bidding again on pre-construction, general conditions and fee. Now, that will decrease because there are less project sites. So there is not 3 separate project sites with 3 superintendents, 3 project managers, 3 project engineers, safety, everything that goes into managing a construction project. Now there's 2, it's more, they'll be able to spread their oversight in a different way, so that will show a reduction in general conditions.

MR. SPIEGEL: But again, this all has to do with a substantial change in the scope of work from what was originally bid out to what we are now faced with because of the value management exercises that we've had to do over the last 2 months to deal with rising construction prices.

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MR. GOHO: So if I understand what you're 1 2 saying, you said at this meeting, Dr. Pallotta and Jimmy were there, Dr. Pallotta brought up this concept of realizing 3 savings due to the scope change or realizing value. And 4 RIDE, Joe DaSilva, said yes, this would be something that 5 they would support, number 1. Number 2, so the question I 6 7 would have then would be obviously anybody would still be allowed to bid, including Dimeo, to rebid? 8 9 MR. SPIEGEL: Yes, yes. 10 MR. GOHO: And also this would not put the project in any sort of delay? 11 12 MR. SPIEGEL: No. MR. GOHO: Because we still haven't put any 13 shovels in the ground and have several months still in the 14 15 design. 16 MR. SPIEGEL: So the design, the design keeps 17 moving forward. 18 MR. GOHO: Yes. MR. SPIEGEL: But we were going to have to value 19 20 engineer this project (inaudible), the design keeps moving 21 forward. We still have time, we can't -- we do not want to wait a long time, right? Again, there's \$800 million in 22 23 construction that was approved on Tuesday in Rhode Island,

just sort of a billion dollars. We want to get this project

bid out very quickly. Again, to make sure that we -- and the

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reason we bid it out so early in the very very beginning even 1 2 before schematic design was done was to A, to get a handle on these costs and increases to see where we were; and B, 3 because we wanted to make sure that the contractors' dance 4 5 cards aren't full. I would encourage this group if a decision is made today, that based on the drastic change in 7 scope, to look at an alternative project delivery method, that we move very, very quickly to again put this work out. And there are, as Matt said, there are multiple options about 10 how we can do this. We need to investigate those. We will make a recommendation to this committee. But I think all 11 that needs to be decided right now is that does this 12 committee feel that the program scope, because it has so 13 drastically changed and the direction that Dr. Pallotta sort 14 15 of, you know, challenged us as the OPM, to look at and see if 16 there were cost savings, I would change your wording from Dr. 17 DaSilva supports to Dr. DaSilva is insistent upon taking a 18 look at this methodology as well. MR. GOHO: So he didn't raise any concerns with 19 the schedule, the time line, you know, he was more than in 20 21 support of this, he actually directed it? 22 MR. FUOROLI: Yes. MR. SPIEGEL: He didn't, I wouldn't say -- yes, 23 yeah, I mean I don't want to put a word in Dr. DaSilva's 24 25 mouth.

MR. GOHO: No, well that's good, because Phil 1 2 had mentioned that any other designs still have to go before RIDE, so if you're saying -- that's why I wanted to clarify 3 is Dr. DaSilva on board with this, and you're saying pretty 4 much this was --5 MR. SPIEGEL: Yes, yes, I think Jimmy made a lot 6 7 of great comments at that meeting too. Dr. Pallotta, yes, was the genesis of this change. 8 MR. GOHO: And Dr. Pallotta is -- I mean Dr. 9 10 DaSilva is on board, more than on board. Okay, that's, because I don't want any bumps in the road from RIDE is my 11 12 question, is my point. MAYOR LOMBARDI: So I'm going make a motion we 13 rebid. 14 15 MR. FUOROLI: Second. 16 DR. PALLOTTA: So we're going to rebid, we have 17 2 options to rebid. One, one bid for both schools or --MR. MCBURNIE: So I would recommend --18 19 DR. PALLOTTA: -- bid on separate schools. MR. MCBURNIE: I would recommend we put one 20 21 request for proposal out and within that we give the bid response the option to bid on both or either. 22 So I would just, before we get 23 MR. SPIEGEL: into that, I would just ask the motion be framed as that the 24 25 committee is approving an alternative delivery method based

on the drastic change in scope for the Whelan and Greystone 1 2 schools. Counselor, does that motion --MR. RUGGERIO: I think, I like the way that 3 that's characterized. 4 MR. MCBURNIE: Is that clear enough, though, to 5 6 say that we're? 7 MR. RUGGERIO: Could you say that again, let me make sure I got it down. 8 THE CHAIRMAN: Say that again. 9 10 MAYOR LOMBARDI: I'll add that into my motion. 11 (Inaudible. The Mayor made the motion, but 12 THE CHAIRMAN: just repeat what you said and repeat it out loud. 13 MR. MCBURNIE: Hold on one second, do we have to 14 15 clearly state that we are going to terminate the current 16 agreement? 17 MR. RUGGERIO: Yes, I would, as part of the motion, I would recommend that we send notice to Dimeo of our 18 19 intent to terminate the existing agreement and rebid the project pursuant to, you know, basically what you just said. 20 21 MR. SPIEGEL: Okay, so we, the recommended motion on the table would be that the school building 22 23 committee terminate the current agreement for Dimeo due to the drastic change in scope and change project delivery 2.4 25 method related to the Greystone and Whelan elementary school

projects. Does that work, Mr. Mayor? 1 2 THE CHAIRMAN: The Mayor made the motion. MAYOR LOMBARDI: I'll make that motion. 3 DR. PALLOTTA: I'll second. 4 THE CHAIRMAN: Seconded by Dr. Pallotta. All in 5 favor? 6 7 (ALL WERE IN FAVOR) THE CHAIRMAN: All opposed? The ayes have it. 8 Okay, so that's unanimous. Do we need another motion now? 9 10 DR. PALLOTTA: No, but with the incorporation of severing the previous contractor, Dimeo, built into that, do 11 we owe Dimeo? 12 MR. SPIEGEL: Yes, we need to investigate the 13 pre-construction fee. 14 15 MR. MCBURNIE: So as part of there bid, they bid on a pre-construction amount which was a dollar value per 16 17 month. I am going to now request from them they provide a 18 basic T and M backup, time and material backup, for any labor that they have expended to date, and that will be owed to 19 20 them based on there pre-construction agreement that was 21 within the RFP response. MR. SPIEGEL: And we also want to be clear that 22 we would like Dimeo to come back and rebid these projects. I 23 2.4 mean it's --25 DR. PALLOTTA: Once we pay that cost that we owe

to Dimeo, then our relationship with the previous bid is severed, it's gone?

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MR. MCBURNIE: Yes, yes. Yes, I do want to say that the exercise that Dimeo went through is the same exercise that any other construction manager would go through as far as estimating the drawings as they saw to date at a 70 percent schematic design level. After they estimated, we compared that to the third party estimator and reconciled, and that's where we got to the dollars per square foot values that we saw. Again, high, but early on in design. out to bid, if we go to a similar project delivery method where it's a construction manager for both schools, they will also be going out to the street to get subcontractor input for there pricing exercise. So as the design develops, we'll start to see, potentially, that number come down. But I don't want anyone to be surprised if we go out for a rebid and the market pricing comes back still at a high value. there's a potential to save on the market pricing, but there's a potential that it could stay the same.

MR. SPIEGEL: Yeah, it's a risk, there's a risk with anything like this. But I think because of the drastic change in scope, again, that is the primary mover.

THE CHAIRMAN: So we're going out to bid, so we will have new builders, or we'll probably have the same bidders but with different numbers.

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                MR. MCBURNIE: Yes, pre-construction.
                 THE CHAIRMAN: How much will that cost be, or
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    about how much will that cost be?
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                MR. SPIEGEL: We need to take a look at there
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    time and material backup before we tell you that.
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                THE CHAIRMAN: Okay.
                MAYOR LOMBARDI: I think they said there was a
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   monthly cost.
                MR. MCBURNIE: There was a monthly cost in there
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   bid. And it was --
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                 THE CHAIRMAN: And what was that money?
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                MR. MCBURNIE: It was 40 thousand, around 40
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    thousand per month.
                THE CHAIRMAN: So how many months was it now?
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                MR. MCBURNIE: About 5 months. So, but that's
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    an overall, so I need to see there actual billing to date.
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                 THE CHAIRMAN: Listen, this all depends on the
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    wanted, if it's not better, then --
                MR. FUOROLI: Matt, do we have to come back to
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   the committee before we go in to rebid on what we want to do
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MR. MCBURNIE: I would say, I would say we get the RFP ready and go out to bid. Because after we receive the bids back, we can meet as a committee and decide which method.

MR. RUGGERIO: Matt, in the RFP, would the bidder identify the delivery method?

MR. MCBURNIE: Yes.

MR. RUGGERIO: Okay.

MR. MCBURNIE: So we will request in there that they identify the delivery method and the costs associated with that. So for instance, if a construction manager wants to bid both schools, that's their delivery method, construction management, both schools, here's the price for that. If one, if a construction manager wants to take Greystone because it's the larger one, but doesn't want the little one, they will say that in there bid. And then if a general contractor comes in and just wants to do Whelan because now it's small enough that they can handle it and they can bond for it, then they'll state that in there bid. So we'll ask the bidders to respond with a very clear, what is their project delivery method and the costs associated with it.

MR. SPIEGEL: We are trying to give you as much flexibility as possible.

MR. GOHO: So can you give everybody in this room a refresher on the process and the time line of the approval that had to happen for the current bids so that we are prepared for the next rounds?

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MR. SPIEGEL: Sure. So the process is is that we go out, they submit qualifications packages. We review there qualifications packages with your selected committee. Qualifications account for 70 percent of the total point value awarded. We will then shortlist several companies based on the qualification scores.

MR. MCBURNIE: And we will also ask for a bid amount.

MR. SPIEGEL: I'll get to that in a second.

Yes, and then we will ask for a cost for there general conditions, there fee and there pre-construction number, just as we had in the previous project. Once we have shortlisted candidates, then we will look at there numbers and we will apply there numbers into the formula, that will account for 30 percent of this whole thing, and then we will have interviews. In every single case so far that we have done for North Providence, it has come down to the interviews that has made that final decision and which contractor you're going to hire. Like I said, cost only accounts for 30 percent of this because this is a working relationship over, over 5 years, and you need to be able to work with the

company that you're with.

MR. MCBURNIE: And again, cost is not trade cost, that is not the cost of the project, that is cost of there service. So pre-construction, oversight and there fee that they make.

MR. SPIEGEL: And just to reiterate it, the construction manager or general contractor — construction manager does not make any more money if the price of the project goes up. They have a fee, a flat fee that they charge for the work. So if the project costs \$86 million now and it finishes up at \$92 million, they still only get there fee that they proposed on the \$86 million.

MR. GOHO: So the subcommittee that interviewed and recommended Dimeo will do the same thing with this round, and I guess so from that point, just refresh my memory, what are the processes within the town and the school department regarding approval? Because I know the town council, school committee and purchasing board all have a role in all this, so I just want to make sure that we are ready to do what we need to do.

MR. SPIEGEL: So the select committee would make a recommendation to the school building committee. The school building committee would make a recommendation to the school committee. The school committee will make a recommendation to the purchasing board, and then the

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purchasing board makes a recommendation to the town council.
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    I believe that's the full way it goes.
                MR. MCBURNIE: Just to be clear, the way that it
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    proceeded last time was the interview committee made a
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    recommendation to the purchasing board, and the purchasing
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                MR. FUOROLI: Right.
                MS. VALLEE: That's correct.
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                MR. MCBURNIE: So if we want to go through
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    committee committee, we can, but it will take more
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    time and it will --
                MS. VALLEE: No, Matt's right, that was the
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   process.
                MAYOR LOMBARDI: What was that again?
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                MR. MCBURNIE: So the interview committee
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    interviewed the candidates, made a selection recommendation,
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    recommended the selected bidder to the procurement board.
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    They approved that, and then a PO could be issued. So that
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    was the process last time.
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                MAYOR LOMBARDI: So it will be from the
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    committee to the purchasing board?
                MR. MCBURNIE: Yes, purchasing board.
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                MAYOR LOMBARDI: At that point shouldn't we,
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    and the council be notified or be told?
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MS. VALLEE: Mayor, I believe that the, you are 1 2 missing one step, the committee, the subcommittee interviewed, the committee that was interviewed, they gave 3 there decision or what there recommendation was to this 4 committee. 5 MR. SPIEGEL: Yes, school building committee. 6 MR. MCBURNIE: We did not come to this committee 7 for any vote last time. We, we did discuss it, but we didn't 8 require it. 9 10 MS. VALLEE: Right, they gave the recommendation. And then the vote goes to the purchasing 11 12 board. MR. MCBURNIE: We can do that. 13 MS. VALLEE: And when we presented to the 14 15 purchasing board, it said that we had interviewed them, we 16 recommended, we gave the report to the building committee and then it was --17 18 MR. MCBURNIE: So we could do that same process. 19 MS. VALLEE: (Inaudible) we made the 20 recommendation. 21 MR. MCBURNIE: That way members of the school committee and the town council are represented as part of 22 23 this building committee. MR. SPIEGEL: Yes, that's what I said, because 2.4 25 we have members of both on the interview committee.

THE CHAIRMAN: Yes. 1 2 DR. PALLOTTA: That's, there's 2 pieces to it. I mean the school committee and the town council has already 3 approved the concept. The planning board piece is the fiscal 4 piece. We don't have anything to do with that, we don't, we 5 have no authority over that. So I mean, you know, to go 7 through all the committees I think is just a waste of time. MR. SPIEGEL: All right. 8 DR. PALLOTTA: We have already approved the 9 10 concept. MR. MCBURNIE: So we can do a subcommittee 11 interview, and then the selection of that subcommittee comes 12 to this school building committee and that's, and then it 13 goes to the purchasing board. 14 15 MR. SPIEGEL: Yes, that's what we did last time, 16 as Maria said. Sorry, I got a little confused here. 17 DR. PALLOTTA: But we don't have any 18 jurisdiction over any of the fiscal piece, you can cut out the meeting, school committee meeting. 19 MR. MCBURNIE: He just wanted more meetings. 20 21 MR. SPIEGEL: I did, I like meetings. MAYOR LOMBARDI: He needs to justify his job. 22 MR. SPIEGEL: All right, I think this meeting is 23 ready to be over. 24 25 THE CHAIRMAN: You're not the Chairman!

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                 THE CHAIRMAN: Okay, if not, there's a motion to
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                DR. PALLOTTA: So moved.
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                 THE CHAIRMAN: By Dr. Pallotta.
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                MR. POLLOCK: Second.
                 THE CHAIRMAN: And seconded by Mr. Pollock. All
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