

*Long Term Debt Committee*  
*May 01, 2023*  
*Minutes of the Meeting*

**Attendance**

Chairman O'Brien	Present
Councillor Darcy	Present
Councillor Paz	Present
Councillor Stanley	Absent
Councillor Vidal	Present

Chairman O'Brien called the meeting to order.

Councillor Paz moved approval of the April 18, 2023 minutes. Motion was adopted on a voice vote.

1. The Mayor respectfully requests approval of a loan order authorization in the amount of \$1,000,000 to provide design services for the feasibility study phase through the schematic design phase for the Waltham High School located at 617 Lexington Street.

Councillor Vidal moved to hear from all off-committee members. Motion was adopted on a voice vote. School Superintendent Dr. Reagan appeared before the committee. Doctor Reagan said these funds will be used for design assistance to help determine the next best use for the current High School site at 617 Lexington Street. Some of the items under discussion are as follows;

Moving the Dual language program, currently at 510 Moody Street.

Moving McDevitt Middle School to 617 Lexington Street.

Moving the Facilities Department from the Lawrence School to 617 Lexington Street.

Future location of the Regal Players.

Location for potential expanded Pre-K program.

Councillor Vidal asked Dr. Reagan if it was the wish of the School Department to keep 617 Lexington Street in their inventory. Dr Reagan said yes. Councillor Vidal said this was a lot of money to spend for a study. Councillor Paz asked why did we wait so long to get to this point. Why wasn't this done two to five years ago. Dr. Reagan said the pandemic created some of the delay by most of the delay was because the School Committee was not sure what they wanted to do. Councillor Paz asked for a projected time line. Dr. Reagan said the schematic will take about five months.

Councillor Paz asked if there would be public input after the draft is completed. Dr. Reagan said notices are going out this week for public input. Councillor Darcy asked if the study would include physical access to the building. Dr Reagan said it usually does.

Councillor Paz moved approval. On the motion a roll was requested. A roll was taken by the Clerk and the item was approved unanimously (4-0).

Councillor Paz made a motion to adjourn. Motion was adopted on a voice vote and the meeting was adjourned at 6:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Thomas J Magno - Clerk