

School Building Advisory Committee  
December 9, 2014

Minutes by Becky McFall

In attendance: S. Perlmutter, T. Christenfeld, B. Creel, Peter Sugar, O. Beenhouwer, B. McFall, Doug Adams, Gary Taylor, Maggy Pietropaolo

Absent: Ken Bassett, Vin Cannistraro, Hathaway Russell

Also present: Steve Gladstone, Community Center Liaison  
Noah Eckhouse - selectman rep

Jason Boone walked the SBAC through the results of the two exercises soliciting community input at the December 2nd Public Forum.

There was discussion of interaction between desire for educational enhancements and cost.

We have asked the community about cost levels in several ways. We have received consistent responses about an amount somewhere just below 40 million with or without MSBA participation.

We discussed what we have learned from the Dec. 2 input acknowledging that there are many people who have not participated in the process who may represent different perspectives.

SBAC member comment:

At Town meeting, we need to make the case that anything less than a 27million dollar project just leaves us with more to do down the line and does not make sense. If we have to go it alone what's the value proposition for around 30-40 million?

Members of the committee, Selectman Noah Eckhouse, and School Committee chair, Jennifer Glass provided perspectives on the process at Town Meeting and framing decisions presented to the town.

Final report will document the process and outcomes without recommendation. However, D&W will communicate their professional opinion that the Family 1 options are not viable options.

Refining the options:

Which options should D&W provide additional information about related to the variables? 1B, 2E, 2F, 3B, 3C will consider 2G (all a la carte educational enhancements, no deferred - site aspects) can it be done?

Need to work with Town building inspector in the next couple of weeks

Approved 2/10/15

Cancel 12/16 meeting. Deliver draft report electronically by end of day 1/2/14,  
Agenda for 1/6 - content of Report and planning for 1/13 presentation of report.  
Final report delivered 2/6.

John Snell would like the committee to share the amount of the energy bill, half  
the town energy use... No better time than a renovation project to address energy  
use and efficiency. Urged the committee to demonstrate some focus on energy  
by laws.

Discussion of how to address energy focus in presenting the options.  
Can make value assessments but can't talk specifically until there is a design.

If we go it alone, what happens next?  
Create a schematic design.

Look for money for schematic design or feasibility study.

Motion to approve minutes of 10/16 public forum, seconded by S. Perlmutter,  
unanimously approved

Maggy Pietropaolo motion to adjourn 9:10 pm, seconded Becky McFall,  
unanimously approved