

**School Building Committee
Outreach Sub-Committee Meeting
Thursday, April 29, 2021
4:30pm, Virtually**

Virtual Meeting Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020
Order Suspending Certain Provisions of Open Meeting Law

Present: Kim Bodnar, Jennifer Glass, Gina Halsted

Also Present: Andy Payne

Call to Order: Kim Bodnar opened the meeting at 4:32pm, noting that the Open Meeting Law requirement to have a quorum present in a physical location has been suspended per Governor Baker's declaration of a state of emergency due to the COVID-19 pandemic. She confirmed that all participants were present and able to hear and see other participants.

Town Meeting Preparation: The SBC presentation leading up to Annual Town Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday May 12th at 6:30pm. Members of the public and SBC members need to register to receive the link to the ZOOM session.

Ms. Glass had prepared a draft set of slides for the presentation.

Private fundraising efforts: members of the committee provided feedback and suggestions.

Warrant Article 7 (Capital Committee FF&E). Andy Payne suggested having a backup about how FF&E has been deferred for years and is overdue for replacement, regardless of whether there is a school project. Kim Bodnar volunteered to provide pictures of the current classroom furniture.

Warrant Article #9 CPA playgrounds): The proposed slide showed a schematic of playground equipment and a visual of the proposed playgrounds. Mr. Payne suggested a reminder that the State matches 38% of CPA funds. If residents approve the Warrant, the state will pay for about \$61K of the playgrounds.

Article #20 Cable Revolving funds. The slide explained that this is the second part of a two-part request. The first part was approved at last year's Town Meeting. Mr. Payne suggested including detail about how the fund is sourced, what it is used for and how much would remain.

Several additional topics to add to the presentation included

- The one-time approval for the schools to use unencumbered funds from the FY21 operating budget for school project related FF&E
- Information on the clean-up trench (bond)
- Green energy credits, grants & incentives
- Information on the timing of the solar cutover and
- A reminder that this is the first net-zero renovation in the Commonwealth.
- Industry info on the cost of materials and how happy we are to have locked in prices a year ago.

The Committee discussed anticipated questions:

- What will happen to the modular classrooms? The modular will be sold. Residual value will go into Free Cash, it does not go back to the school project.
- Acknowledgement of Buck Creel's role going forward.

Ms. Glass shared most recent photos of the project.

Mr. Payne shared the FinCom slide on contingencies.

May 2nd blog: Details on May 12th SBC presentation

May 9th blog: Details on May 12th SBC presentation, May 12th SBC meeting, and Town Meeting.

Next Meeting: Thursday, May13th at 4:30pm via ZOOM

Ms. Bodnar made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Halsted seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously by roll call vote: Halsted aye; Glass, aye; Bodnar, aye.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:25pm pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Gina Halsted