

NORTH KINGSTOWN SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

Building Subcommittee

North Kingstown School Department Administrative Offices

100 Romano Vineyard Way

North Kingstown, RI 02852

Wednesday, March 1, 2023

Meeting was called to order by Michael Waterman at 5:01pm.

Introductions were done by everyone in attendance. Present were:

Michael Waterman  
Robert Corrente  
A. Ralph Mollis  
Frank Pallotta  
Jeanne Feeney  
John Pyne  
Jodi Clark  
Dante Marinaro  
Barbara Maher  
Tom Briody  
Lisa Bowe  
Robert Case  
Adam White  
Kim Page  
Robert Mezzanotte

Erin Earle and Kendra Wnuk were in the audience.

Michael Waterman spoke about the Educational Master Plan Recommendations and spoke about the options the district has in reference to the Wickford Middle School and Davisville Middle School. The schools are about 60 and 90 years old.

A discussion was to build a new middle school and combine to one middle school for the district at the Quidnessett Middle or build it at Wickford Middle school and then knock down the old middle school once the new one is completed and keep two middle schools. RIDE is currently giving an extra 17% reimbursement.

The discussion had many points of concerns and high points. Location bussing and was Wickford Middle School a historic building. The high points of future overcrowding in the district, around 2026, would be solved and the Quidnessett Elementary has plenty of land available. It also could open possibilities for Administration and Davisville Academy be brought into a school for smoother transition and step down for students that return to classrooms. This would be an operational savings.

The committee chose to recommend to the School Committee building a new state of the art middle school and fields at the Quidnessett Middle School location. This would be for grades 5-8.

Roofs on some of our existing schools need replacement also. A motion was made by Lisa Bowe to include roof replacements into the bond. Seconded by Tom Briody. All were in favor.

An RFP and RFQ were discussed, and it was agreed this had to happen quickly.

Robert Corrente made a motion to do an RFP for an OPM to manage the project. Seconded by Robert Case.

After a discussion about this RFP and the project. It was decided an RFQ for the whole project may be the best way to go. Robert Corrente withdrew his motion above for the RFP for the OPM.

Dante Marinaro made a motion for an RFQ for the whole project, design and build. Seconded by Tom Briody. This was withdrawn also because it would take too long.

Michael Waterman made a motion to do an RFQ for architectural schematic design and a RFP for an OPM for the design build. Robert Case seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Frank Pallotta made a motion to adjourn at 7:00pm. Seconded by Tom Briody.

All in favor.

Submitted by: Jeanne Feeney, Recording Secretary