

Barrington School Building Committee

Meeting Minutes

February 3, 2022

3:45 p.m.

Via Zoom webinar

Present were Ms. Bae, Ms. Crean, Dr. Dillon, Mr. Dwyer, Mr. Fiore, Mr. Glum, Mr. Guthlein, Mr. Marchetti, Mr. McCrann, Mr. Messore, Ms. Rosengard, Mr. Sangiuliano, Mr. Wilmarth, and Mr. Valentine

Also present were Ms. Jessup and Ms. Schmigle of KBA

Ms. Bae called the meeting to order at 3:49 p.m.

Introductions were made by the committee members

KBA status update Summary of data from surveys, visioning sessions, and community workshop #1
presented by Ms. Jessup

- Visioning sessions with students and educators have been completed
- Vote will be needed for approval of new Fall date for Stage II submission
 - Extension will allow for more Community engagements
 - Schematic design documentation will occur Summer 2022
- Suggested that RIDE attend future meetings to discuss financing with committee as well as community
- Educational Visioning
 - Teachers in attendance were able to discuss survey results during Zoom Educational Visioning sessions
 - Ms. Jessup shared highlights from the survey results which were divided into Elementary/Lower Middle School, High School, and Middle School categories
- Community Workshops
 - Shared RIDE process
 - Discussed why now is the time to capture additional incentives

Discuss community workshop #2

- Ms. Jessup started the discussion that Committee needed to narrow options before presenting to the community via second workshop
- Members of the Committee voiced concern that there was not enough Community involvement/engagement
 - Mr. Messore suggested that community needed more information in order to trust any Stage II recommendations made by the Committee.
 - Mr. Messore asked KBA to restate the timetable for RIDE Stage II submission in order to maximize incentives
 - September 2022 – more detailed information can be found on RIDE website.
 - Dr. Dillon suggested that the next Community workshop should be more inclusive with students, teachers as well as community members; similar to start of Middle School project.
 - Ms. Rosengard suggested that Committee be more intentional with timing of next workshops
 - Mr. Fiore suggested focus of next community workshop be about process
 - Ms. Bae suggested Committee pull back and regroup before next workshop
 - More clarity of process, timeline (graphics) for community
 - Mr. Dwyer suggested video walk throughs in all schools to show what committee saw during their walk throughs

- Ms. Jessup stated time is of the essence and Committee needs to come up with an action during this meeting
- Ms. Bae proposed to push off community workshop for next week to develop action plan for next community workshop
- Mr. Sangiuliano stated videos would still only show one side of the issues facing the District and prefers to focus on Dr. Dillon's suggestion of a community dialog during the next workshop
- Mr. Dwyer suggests a combination of the videos and as well as a collaborative community dialog be considered
- Ms. Jessup would have preferred visioning sessions with students to be in-person
- Mr. Wilmarth also agreed that steps were missed presenting information to community

Discuss next steps – project schedule

- Committee agreed to meet next week to discuss expanding number of workshops and reevaluating content
 - Start with walking community through process from start including
 - RIDE application timeline
 - Facilities walk through to highlight structural, capacity issues and day to day challenges
 - RIDE funding options
 - Bring community and educators together for more collaborative discussion
 - Expand number of community engagement sessions
- Ms. Bae shared her screen to show the new tab on District's website that links information to date including the RIDE Stage I submission, presentations, meeting agendas, and approved meeting minutes
- Ms. Bae asked if Stage I submission has been fully approved
 - Mr. Fiore state that any outlying issues would be resubmitted with Stage II submission

Approval of Minutes 11.18.21, and 11.14.19, 2.19.20, & 6.11.20

- Ms. Bae made a motion to accept the minutes from 11.18.21, Mr. Sangiuliano seconded the motion, and the committee approved with Mr. Glum abstaining
- Ms. Bae made a motion to accept the minutes from previous years 11.14.19, 2.19.20, & 6.11.20, Mr. Dwyer seconded the motion, and the committee approved with 4 members abstaining as they were not yet part of the committee.

Public Comments (23)

- Susannah Holloway – 64 Fales Ave. Ms. Holloway asked that the letter she sent to school committee members be part of her public comment. Ms. Holloway shared her concern over demolition of neighborhood schools like Nayatt as part of Option 4 – Consolidation. Ms. Holloway felt the Community Workshop held on 1.31.22 had limited attendance. Ms. Bae stated there were over 100 members in attendance. Ms. Holloway suggested “we could do better”. Ms. Holloway shared concerns that part of the Stage I submission on page 555 regarding Universal PreK looks to be a huge driver for Option 4 but that it had not gone through the proper process; School Committee has not done an assessment for universal PreK nor has there been any voting on the matter.
 - Ms. Bae stated that it had not been done intentionally, recognized the need for more community involvement and appreciated Ms. Holloways feedback.

Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Fiore at 5:32 p.m., seconded by Mr. Guthlein, and approved unanimously.