

Barrington School Building Committee
Meeting Minutes
July 14, 2022 3:45 p.m.
Barrington Middle School Student Union

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

Also present was Ms. Jessup, Mr. Schmigle, and Mr. Trim of KBA.

Mr. Fiore called the meeting to order at 3:47 p.m.

Discussion and possible vote: reschedule Stage II submission from September 15, 2022 to February 15, 2023

Mr. Fiore shared that the original Stage II submission deadline of September 15, 2022, formally voted on by the School Committee, is an unrealistic objective at this time and the Committee has discussed moving the submission to February 15, 2023. The Stage Legislature has rolled forward some of the incentive bonuses so there will not be a negative financial impact to move the date.

Mr. Fiore asked for a motion to approve rescheduling the Stage II submission from September 15, 2022 to February 15, 2023. Ms. Bae so moved and Dr. Rosengard seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion and possible vote: Stage I Supplemental submission of September 15, 2022

Mr. Fiore shared the approval timeline states the Stage II submission needs to be submitted within one year of the original Stage I. Since the Stage II submission deadline has been pushed out to February 15, 2023 the original Stage I submission needs to be amended and resubmitted on September 15, 2022

Mr. Fiore asked for a motion to approve the Stage I Supplement submission of September 15, 2022. Mr. Sangiuliano so moved and Mr. Guthlein seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion of next steps towards Stage II submission

Presented by Mr. Schmigle Project manager and Mr. Trim Principal in Charge

Reviewed project schedule

- Deep Dive Visioning in May
- KBA has been working with Dr. Locker, design team, consultants to come up conceptual options, pathways moving forward, that will be presented tonight
- Design team will present series of options pathways moving forward (long term goals – over all 20-year plan) to Committee & Community tonight
- Building committee will then meet again to vote on pathway moving forward on July 28, 2022

Dr. Locker, consulting Educational Visual Planner, (presented via [Recording](#))

- Discussed highlights of Deep Dive Visioning sessions in May
- Reviewed concepts that were developed from discussions during the Deep Dive Visioning sessions
- [Full School Visioning Report](#)

Presentation of options for long term education vision

Ms. Jessup presented the path forward examples (virtually)

- Ms. Jessup further explained the phrase “Long-Term District-wide Educational Master Plan”
 - This sets the district-wide goal 20+ years, provides a general roadmap to determine capital projects, repairs, etc.
 - The Master Plan is a living document with no specific solution
 - Should be revisited every 5 years or as needed
 - The Master Plan is different from the Stage II submission
 - The Stage II submission includes scope of work and capital projects that align and support work determined in the long-term district-wide educational master plan.
- Ms. Jessup reviewed six (6) possible path forward options based on what has been learned through community engagement and visioning
 - [KBA PowerPoint Options Presentation 7.14.22](#)

Approval of Minutes 6.2.22

- Mr. Fiore asked for a motion to accept the minutes from 6.2.22, Ms. Bae so moved, Mr. seconded the motion, and the committee approved unanimously.

Public Comments

Lisa Daft, 5 Robbins Drive. Ms. Daft asked what specific information, if any, was the town required to submit to RIDE. Ms. Daft also asked about the reimbursement rate; if it was greater than that of the Middle School project. Ms. Daft also asked if anyone was aware of a new legislation 7943-subA and what it could mean to the town with some of the proposed options eliminating one or more of the school buildings.

TJ Peck, 21 Thomas Street. Mr. Peck thanked volunteers of the Building Committee and stated that it is clear that improvements need to be made on the Elementary Schools however Mr. Peck has concerns about the process to date. Mr. Peck has deep concerns that the two-week timeline given to the BSBC, to make a recommendation for the district of this magnitude, is insufficient. Mr. Peck is also concerned that the Community is not well represented on the Building Committee.

Sharon Santos, 11 Western Avenue. Ms. Santos is concerned about the two-week timeline for the decision and the probability of increased taxes resulting from the potential construction projects. Ms. Santos is also concerned about the 4.5% increase in construction costs, busing issues, and about losing interconnection of neighborhood schools.

Erika Twohig, 4 Eleanor Drive. Ms. Twohig moved here for the schools. Ms. Twohig was against the planning and moving so quickly until this meeting. Ms. Twohig likes the idea of consolidating the grades at the Elementary level to lessen the number of transitions between schools. Ms. Twohig is concerned about High School due to the floodplain and feels the location needs to be addressed as well as the need for teen space.

Mark Hanchar, 25 Ferry Drive. Mr. Hanchar was part of the building committee for the High School years ago. Mr. Hanchar is concerned about presenting cost information and stated it would be helpful to have more information on actual impact to tax payers. Mr. Hanchar is a retired architect and volunteered to help with the process during a Zoom meeting but has not heard back. Mr. Hanchar is also concerned that the estimates include proper inflation rates.

T.R. Rimoshytus, 1 Howard Street. Mr. Rimoshytus questioned if any of the proposals would be addressing the lack of athletic fields in town. Mr. Rimoshytus also questioned the enrollment projections and asked how many more students the district was expecting for this current year. Mr. Rimoshytus stated concerns over current traffic issues, flood zone predictions, and construction in flood zones.

Chris Spiegel, 1 River Oak Avenue. Mr. Spiegel thanked the design team and committee members. Mr. Spiegel asked if there could be a summary sheet that listed all the options for ease of comparison. Mr. Spiegel also asked that the Special Education Advisory Committee be engaged in the process.

Sharon Santos, 11 Western Avenue. Ms. Santos asked if there was any guidance from RIDE about classroom size for preschool and up.

Mr. Fiore stated that there would be a link for those that would like to submit any further comments regarding the presentation and the process.

Mr. Fiore asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion was made by Ms. Bae at 5:45 p.m., seconded by Mr. Guthlein, and approved unanimously.