

Barrington School Building Committee
Meeting Minutes
September 8, 2022 3:45 p.m.
Barrington Middle School Student Union

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

Also present was Mr. Schmigle and Mr. Trim of KBA

Mr. Fiore called the meeting to order at 3:50 p.m.

Discussion of next steps towards Stage II submission

- Mr. Fiore clarified that the School Committee voted to extend the Stage II submission to the February 15, 2023 deadline; this has been submitted to RIDE and the committee is awaiting approval
- Mr. Schmigle reviewed project schedule to get to content for Stage II submission (5 year)
- [KBA PowerPoint Presentation 9.8.2022](#)

Discussion of communication and community engagement opportunities

- Forum opportunities, events, possible venues - Open House, PTO meetings
- Need for timeline on webpage for community to know where the District is in the process
- Discussion of communications sub-committee
- Review content of webpage - need to consolidate and update
- Add links to content in email updates to community from Superintendent

Discussion of Stage II Submission Scope

- Reviewed project data including RIDE parameters to ensure highest reimbursement rate
- Possible construction scenarios discussed to possibly include a 20 year plan including PreK-K, 1-5 Models (Option 2B) which can be narrowed down for Stage II submission (1 or 2 projects - over the 5 year plan)
 - Reviewed site challenges; wetlands on most school sites, space for outdoor play, parking, drop-off/pick-up areas
 - Discussed communities need for more athletic fields in town
- Priority 1 & 2 deficiencies previously identified during walkthrough of schools must be addressed in scope and needs to be updated - to be discussed at next meeting date

Discussion of Town Council meeting 9.12.2022

- Update will be presented at the next Town Council meeting to be held this week
 - Overview of Option 2B
 - District 20 year model - Master Plan
 - Review schedule for Stage II submission (1 - 2 projects - 5 year plan)
 - [KBA PowerPoint Presentation Town Council Meeting 9.12.2022](#)

Discussion of future meeting dates and times

- Poll to be sent out to committee members to find the day and time that is most ideal to hold standing meetings.

Approval of Minutes 7.28.22

- Mr. Fiore asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the 7.28.22 meeting. Ms. Bae so moved, Mr. Guthlein seconded the motion, and the committee approved unanimously.

Public Comments

Susannah Holloway, 64 Fales Avenue. Ms. Holloway asked the Committee to slow down the process and get more meaningful community engagement. Ms. Holloway also spoke about being banned from the deep dive visioning sessions. Ms. Holloway is concerned that there has not been any discussion by the School Committee regarding the future of the district's Pre-School.

Rob Swarts, 421 Sowams Road. Mr. Swarts submitted a petition with signatures of people opposed to Option 2B. Opposition to closing neighborhood schools; not opposed to newer, but fewer.

Heather Ryan, 99 Roffee Street. Ms. Ryan discussed community opposition to Option 2B, not being included in deep dive visioning sessions and her concern of the lack of community input for the last two years.

Megan Lavigne, 17 Highview Avenue. She expressed interest in volunteering on a subcommittee as a PTO member. Ms. Lavigne is excited to learn more about the process and hear more communication from the committee to generate more excitement from community members.

Mr. Fiore asked for a motion to adjourn at 5:15 p.m. Motion was so moved by Mr. Dwyer, seconded by Mr. Wilmarth, and approved unanimously.