

Barrington School Building Committee
Meeting Minutes
November 29, 2022 4:00 p.m.
Barrington Middle School PD Room

Present were Ms. Crean, Mr. Fiore, Mr. Glum, Mr. Guthlein, Mr. McCrann, Mr. Messore, Dr. Rosengard, Mr. Sangiuliano, and Mr. Wilmarth

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

Mr. Fiore called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.

Stage II Update/Scope - [KBA Presentation 11.29.22](#)

- a. Discussion - Scope of Project for Stage II submission - reviewed by Ms. Jessup
KBA has been working with school and district leaders to identify HIVE projects - educational enhancements/upgrades in the each of the schools
- b. Discussion - Priority I and II items and feedback from building principals
Priority I and II are physical deficiencies of the buildings required by RIDE to be included in the Stage II submission
- c. KBA Update - including timeline update, educator outreach sessions and Stage II Priority I and II items
The timeline was reviewed

Mr. Fiore opened up the floor to committee members for questions and discussion ensued

Public Comments

Steven Felix 4 Western Ave - Mr. Felix was a supporter of option 2B and feels the current pathway by building a new school at HMS is not the best solution with new grade configuration. Mr. Felix's children will not be in the same schools at the same time, continues to spread families thin with pick up and drop off at multiple locations, and feels a new 3-5 school is missing the mark with Barrington Public Schools.

David Sanchas 300 New Meadow Rd - Mr. Sanchas stated he was not in favor of a new 3-5 school at HMS citing traffic issues, etc. and prefers three K-5 neighborhood schools. Mr. Sanchas feels there has been pressure from KBA to make decisions quickly, plans keep changing weekly and no one knows what is going on.

Claire Phipps 27 Houghton St - Ms. Phipps does not support the new HMS 3-5. She feels there are educational benefits to three neighborhood schools with the same grade configuration citing top performing schools in MA with fewer transitions for students. Ms. Phipps questioned the long term cost of three buildings vs. four.

Erika Twohig 4 Eleanor Dr - Ms. Twohig asked several questions; does the plan include redistricting? Will this plan help overcrowding at Primrose Hill? Ms Twohig feels the current busing situation needs to be addressed and does not feel it is worth investing in a new HMS.

Maura McCrann 4 Woodford Rd - Ms. McCrann stated she is a proponent of similar K-5 neighborhood schools for walkability. Ms. McCrann feels more data and more time are needed before making a decision and the process needs to slow down.

Megan Lavigne 17 Highview Ave - Ms. Lavigne asked several questions regarding HIVE project and Priority I and II estimates. Will PK still only be located at PH? Will PH have adequate space for special ed? Is this

project serving the goals of the district? Ms. Lavigne feels the better option would be three K-5 schools and to focus on a future plan for the HS.

Discussion and possible vote - Scope of Project

After some discussion Mr. Fiore asked for a motion to move forward with the project, motion was made by Mr. Wilmarth, seconded by Mr. Fiore; a show of hands showed 5 approved and two opposed.

Approval of Minutes 11.1.2022 and 11.10.2022

- Mr. Fiore asked for a motion to approve minutes from the 11.1.22 meeting; Dr. Rosengard so moved, Mr. Guthlein seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.
- Minutes from the 11.10.2022 meeting were not available for approval

Mr. Fiore asked for a motion to adjourn at 5:20 p.m. Motion was made by Mr. Guthlein, seconded by Mr. Wilmarth, and approved unanimously.