

Arlington High School Building Committee Meeting
Tuesday, December 20, 2016 –
AHS-School Committee Room-Sixth Floor
6:00 pm

Present: Kathleen Bodie, Superintendent, Co-chair
Kirsi Allison-Ampe, School Committee Representative
Ruthy Bennett, Director of Facilities
Francis Callahan, Community Member Representative
Tobey Jackson, Parent Representative
Ryan Katofsky, Community Member Representative
Kate Loosian, Community Member Representative
William McCarthy, AHS Assistant Principal
Judson Pierce, Community Member Representative
Sandy Pooler, Deputy Town Manager
Brian Rehrig, Capital Planning Committee Member
Daniel Ruiz, Community Member Representative
Amy Spear, Community Member Representative
Jeff Thielman, School Committee Representative

Absent: Adam Chapdelaine, Town Manager
John Cole, Chair, Permanent Town Building Committee
Matthew Janger, AHS Principal
Diane Johnson, Chief Financial Officer

Call to order: 6:00 pm

Superintendent Bodie welcomed and thanked members for their willingness to serve on the building committee.

Dr. Bodie introduced her assistant, Karen Tassone, informing the committee that Karen will act as recording secretary as MSBA requires that scrupulous minutes, notes, votes etc. must be well documented.

Committee members introduced themselves as noted above.

The Superintendent explained the process of selecting members of the committee as required (and must be approved by) MSBA.

Committee required by MSBA:

- ◆ SBC member MCPPO certified
- ◆ Local Chief Executive Officer
- ◆ Administrator or Manager
- ◆ School Committee Member (minimum of one)
- ◆ Superintendent of Schools
- ◆ Local Official responsible for Building Maintenance

- ◆ Representative of Office authorized by law to construct school buildings
- ◆ School Principal
- ◆ Member of knowledgeable in education mission and function of facility
- ◆ Local budget official or member of local finance committee
- ◆ Members of community with architecture, engineering and/or construction experience
- ◆ Other member/s as deemed necessary

Public Participation

Jeremy Gregory, Alison Goulder, and Sara Kiesselbach requested that the committee consider including a swimming pool as part of the rebuild project. They informed the committee of a new organization called “A-Poll” made up of Arlington residents whose mission is to facilitate the construction of a new community aquatics facility. The A-Poll group stated that there has been significant interest and could serve many purposes, an informal survey at Town Day received positive support.

Overview of MSBA Process

Supt. Bodie stated that she will defer discussion of committee meeting norms until the next meeting.

Dr. Bodie reviewed the sequence of deliverables of Module One.

Arlington has had one meeting with the MSBA on the design number and will meet again tomorrow (December 21st) to discuss the design number again.

The design number determines the number of home rooms – divided by 23 multiplied by 85% determined by your educational profile.

- ◆ We have 270 days to accept and submit the Feasibility Study Agreement which puts us into March; currently the January board has been canceled, the next meeting is tentatively scheduled for February 15th. Documents can be shared publicly after the February approval.

After MSBA invites Arlington into the Feasibility Study the building committee will elect a subcommittee to vet the bids and interview for project manager as per MSBA regulations. The same process will be followed for the designer selection. Dr. Bodie hopes to have the OPM and Designer in place by May.

- ◆ Modular Three -The Feasibility study will probably take up to a year to complete. Upon completion Arlington will present its best proposal – a new building option, an add/renovation option or renovation only option. We will also have a preferred design.
- ◆ Modular Four is the Schematic Design.
- ◆ Modular 5 is Project Funding which may mean an override possibly spring 2019.

The Superintendent commented that the could be finished in 5 years or maybe 5-6 years.

Committee

- ◆ Role of the committee is to make recommendations to the school committee, the school committee has to agree on what the project will be; it will then go to Town Meeting and then to the voters.
- ◆ Supt. Bodie will set up a couple of dates for committee members to take a tour the high school.
- ◆ The Committee discussed:
 - ◆ Visiting other schools, when materials will be available, constructions costs, a website documenting the project, what constitutes a quorum and if voting by phone is an option.
 - ◆ Concerns acknowledging the lack of space in Arlington and requesting that the planning department looks into stretching the footprint. Dr. Bodie explained that this happens during the feasibility study noting that Peirce field and the DPW is all capped noting that chromium exists below the 18 inch barrier, which is a concern.
 - ◆ Work to ensure that sustainably on this building is close to net zero.
 - ◆ Meetings will take place on the first and third Tuesdays of the month and will begin at 6:00 p.m., other dates will be added as needed. The building committee must exist

The next meeting – tentatively the end of February or the beginning of March.

On a motion by Brian Rehrig seconded by Kate Loosian it was:
Voted to adjourn 7:15 p.m.

Submitted by:
Karen Tassone
Recording Secretary