

Arlington High School Building Committee Meeting
Tuesday, March 6, 2018
AHS-School Committee Room-Sixth Floor
6:00 pm

Present: Jeff Thielman, School Committee Representative, Chair
Kathleen Bodie, Superintendent, Co-vice chair
Adam Chapdelaine, Town Manager, Co-vice chair
Kirsi Allison-Ampe, School Committee Representative
Francis Callahan, Community Member Representative
John Cole, Chair, Permanent Town Building Committee
John Danizio, APS Chief Financial Officer
Tobey Jackson, Community Member Representative
Matthew Janger, AHS Principal
Ryan Katofsky, Community Member Representative (absent)
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 Speare, Community Member Representative
Shannon Knuth, Teacher Representative
Alicia Majid, Teacher Representative (absent)
Kent Werst, Teacher Representative

Also present: Chuck Adam, Jim Burrows, Victoria Clifford, Skanska Inc.
Lori Cowles, HMFH Architects, Inc.

Call to order: 6:00 pm

Public Participation

Arlington School Committee member, Len Kardon, addressed the committee with two concerns.

1. Site plan, wants to ensure that we build the right building regardless of MSBA reimbursement.
2. Would like to consider the possibility of submitting more than three options, siting Somerville's rebuild project that submitted more than three; also wants community input on options.

Forum Feedback

Excellent turnout, the high school tours were eye opening for first time visitors. Attendees participated in a visioning process with educational consultant David Stephen.

Existing Conditions Study Update

Lori Cowles presented the following on the:

◆ Accessibility Report Summary

- Existing ramps do not meet slope requirement (links, café,)
- Required ramps and/or lifts (stage, control, drama, old hall)
- No accessible route to Blue Gym or Pit
- Toilet facilities, drinking fountains
- Stair handrails, non-uniform risers
- Casework/built-ins not accessible

- Signage, lockers, hardware, seating (bleachers, aud.)
- Main entrance not accessible (among other locations)
- Accessible parking (slope, signage, level)

Existing Conditions Drawings

Reviewed by the committee

Educational Planning Updates

◆ Educational Visioning Report

Arlington High School Principal, Matt Janger, reported that the visioning report supports Arlington Public Schools vision, noting that it was a rapid process but emphasized that there was lots of consensus with staff and community on the vision.

Jeff Thielman reminded members that the school committee will be voting on the educational plan on March 15th any questions should be forwarded to Mr. Janger before then.

◆ Proposed Space Summary

The committee had a lengthy discussion on space configurations at the high school i.e.

- ◆ Class size currently at 850 – should we look at 950?
- ◆ Expanded auditorium and gymnasium space.
- ◆ Increase band and chorus space to 3,000 square feet – possible black box theater (Jud Pierce & Brian Rehrig will work on this).
- ◆ Increased athletic space (Kate Loosian and Kirsi Allison-Ampe will work on this).
- ◆ Adequate Media space (M. Janger will consult with S. Kitsis).

Reviewed and discussed potential space options and costs beyond MSBA guidelines.

Alternate Site Review

Lori Cowles reviewed with the committee the alternate site results that:

- ◆ Identified property size, topography, location, traffic congestion, not Town owned and loss of tax revenue.

On a motion by John Cole seconded by Brian Rehrig it was unanimously:

Voted to approve the alternate site document for submittal to MSBA.

Approval of Minutes

On a motion by Kate Loosian seconded by Adam Chapdelaine it was unanimously:

Voted approval of meeting minutes of February 6, 2018.

New Business

Committee members should submit any comments on the educational plan to Matt Janger by Friday, March 9th.

The next scheduled meeting is March 20th 6:00 pm.

On a motion by Frank Callahan seconded by Daniel Ruiz it was unanimously:

Voted to adjourn @ .9:20 p.m.

Submitted by:

Karen Tassone

Recording Secretary