

Arlington High School Building Committee Meeting
Tuesday, May 1, 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 (Absent)
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
Kate Loosian, Community Member Representative
William McCarthy, AHS Assistant Principal
Steve Nesterak, Facilities Director
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
Kent Werst, Teacher Representative

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

Call to order: 6:00 pm

Public Participation

Al Tosti, Chair of the Finance Committee, shared with the committee his thoughts and concerns regarding the rebuild project. Mr. Tosti requested that in planning the project the committee remember the taxpayer, specifically that taxes would increase 30% over the five years. Broken down, it is a 10% increase for the high school project, a 10% increase for the override and a 10% increase for proposition 2 ½, for a net increase of \$740.00 for the average family.

To consider:

- ◆ Reduce project size (i.e. space opening at the Parmenter school for town use, move town facilities out of the project and reduce the scope of the project as much as possible).
- ◆ Avoid extra expenses (i.e. busing, modular, do not attach a field house or pool to the project).
- ◆ Provide for the health and safety of the students

In response to a question if it is possible to tie some of the project to the capital budget, Mr. Tosti stated at minimum but maybe.

Designer Updates

Lori Cowles reported:

- ◆ That the MASS Historical Commission permission is not required for this project.
- ◆ Geotechnical investigations have been completed and testing spots have been identified.

The updated rubrics/matrix was reviewed.

Options 1 & 4

Lori explained that options 1 & 4 would be reviewed at this meeting and options 2 & 3 at the next meeting.

- ◆ Phasing steps will be discussed at the next meeting (HMFH will meet with HS staff on May 2).

Option 1 – reviewed model and site diagram.

- ◆ discussed design detail and passed around the massing model.
- ◆ questioned if redoing the athletic fields an unnecessary expense.

Option 4 – massing model was passed around

- ◆ site diagram discussed, would be a two phase project, there would challenges with site circulation,
- ◆ discussed the impact of pushing the building back allowing for more green space, this would add constraints for contractors.
- ◆ would there be issues with temperature and sound with an inside gym?
- ◆ how would evacuating the building work with this plan?
- ◆ discussed which option would allow for an additional soccer/playing field.

Supt. Bodie, Matt Janger, Bill McCarthy with meet with Lori Cowles to review our Guiding principles, rubrics and matrix.

John Cole is in favor of reducing the scope of the project and off loading non-reimbursable departments to the Parmenter School and the Department of Public Works.

Approval of Minutes

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

Voted to approve the meeting minutes of April 24, 2018. (Abstention by Kirsi Allison-Ampe)

New Business

The Town Manager, Superintendent and committee member Amy Speare will work on project slides to present at Town Meeting.

On a motion by Steve Nesterak seconded by Bill McCarthy it was

Voted to adjourn at 7:20 pm

Submitted by:

Karen Tassone
Recording Secretary