

Arlington High School Building Committee Meeting  
Tuesday, December 10, 2019  
AHS-School Committee Room-Sixth Floor  
6:00 pm

Present: Jeff Thielman, School Committee Representative, Chair (@ 6:15)  
Kathleen Bodie, Superintendent, Co-vice chair  
Adam Chapdelaine, Town Manager, Co-vice chair (@ 6:15)  
Kirsi Allison-Ampe, School Committee Representative  
Francis Callahan, Community Member Representative  
John Cole, Chair, Permanent Town Building Committee  
Tobey Jackson, Community Member Representative (absent)  
Matthew Janger, AHS Principal (@ 6:15)  
Ryan Katofsky, Community Member Representative  
Brett Lambert, PTBC Representative (absent)  
Kate Loosian, Community Member Representative  
Michael Mason, APS Chief Financial Officer  
William McCarthy, AHS Assistant Principal (@ 6:10)  
Judson Pierce, Community Member (absent)  
Sandy Pooler, Deputy Town Manager  
Paul Raia, Disabilities Commission Representative (absent)  
Brian Rehrig, Capital Planning Committee Member  
Amy Speare, Community Member Representative  
Shannon Knuth, Teacher Representative (@ 7:45)  
Kent Werst, Teacher Representative (@ 6:50)  
Avery Spellmeyer, Student Representative

Also present: Jim Burrows, Victoria Clifford, Dale Caldwell, Skanska Inc.  
Lori Cowles, Arthur Duffy, Melissa Greene, HMFH Architects, Inc.  
John LaMarre, Todd McCabe, Consigli Construction

Call to order: 6:00 p.m.

**Public Participation**

None

**Continued Value Management Discussion**

The Committee thanked Lori and team for the updated spreadsheet.

- ◆ HMFH, as requested, showed the different profiles of the roof edge compared to what we had and what is proposed.
- ◆ Showed what the proposed spine square foot reductions special education spaces on 4<sup>th</sup> floor compared now and proposed.
- ◆ Reported that 48 folding chairs could lay out in the auditorium pit

Supt Bodie reported on the Parmenter elevator and the elimination of the gym for one year.

- ◆ Eliminating the elevator is not possible due to access for students with mobility issues. In addition it would be violation with the Americans with Disabilities Act.
- ◆ The Athletic Director informed the Superintendent that it would really cripple the athletic and recreation departments if we lose the gym for a year. The Recreation Dept. would lose their two biggest revenue programs that would result in staff layoffs.

#### Parmenter Elevator Vote

On a motion by John Cole seconded by Kate Loosian it was unanimously:

Voted to maintain the elevator at the Parmenter School.

Much of the remaining gap is attributable to the rapidly changing construction market and the number of large, competing projects underway.

The Building Committee continues its work to align the project with the approved budget through value engineering, design modifications, and changes in scope. During meetings on December 3rd, 9th, and 10th, the group discussed a variety of ways to close the gap, while maintaining the education program and functionality, building quality, and sustainability. Also considered was the ability to list some items as alternates, which would allow them to be included later in the project if the budget allows.

Project officials said they have been considering listing some items as alternatives, which would allow them to be included later in the project if there was room in the budget. The inclusion of some large items, such as geothermal wells, lighting and artificial turf for athletic fields, bike path connection, pedestrian stairs and ramp on the east side, and modified materials and design, could mean the exclusion of others, according to the Committee.

Ryan Katofsky stated that in the general sense he is in agreement with the 130 geothermal wells, that number will serve both classroom wings.

Ryan will consult with Lori and will send an analysis of life cycle costs

Why do the wells in the first place – Ryan will explain – how close are we to net zero

Jim goal is to narrow down to one or two options.

Lori reviewed the suggested value management paths, the Committee will focus on VM 2.1, 2.2, and 2.3

Keep 130 wells – 2.1

Kate – food service reduction is that okay yes - and ok with the electric take 5-10 minutes to heat up 800 more and significant repairs needed.

Wants to talk about the

Jim and Todd reviewed logistics maintain the level of site control that we need

Kathy and Matthew will make the decision on the gas Bunsen burners via Alicia's recommendation, the \$185,000 in the budget is only for getting the gas line in.

Eliminate lawn maintenance Consigli maintains lawn for one year – maybe the town can take care of. Adam - yes

Turf, ramp, bikeway (jc 3 big ticket items)

The Committee agreed on:

- ◆ Take the combined phasing of 3&4 off of the table
- ◆ Leave turf in for the moment – fc
- ◆ Mj turf is an educational space – ramp and bike way is not.
- ◆ Bikeway connector could be an alternate
- ◆ Reduce site plantings in the amount of 85,000
- ◆ Kate – toilet bldg. discussed – Lori cannot guarantee that a variance would be granted
- ◆ Reduced bldg. would be 277K – kb plumbing is in the current stand can we rebuild it?
- ◆ Kb wants irrigation on the front lawn – Lori will price it out
- ◆ Todd we can add irrigation at anytime

Matt, Kathy will meet with Lori to review the list and come back with their priorities.

John Cole proposed that the Committee vote on the following agreed items:

Gas in

Reducing toilet 277 savings

Retaining wall at west take out

reduce dlab in all

add cat walk at black box

Sandy getting very close with the numbers

The Committee will wait until the next meeting to vote items.

Jeff will be in touch with committee members that are absent to bring them up to date on the project before the meeting on the 17<sup>th</sup>.

### **New Business**

None

On a motion by Kate Loosian seconded by Matt Janger it was  
Voted to adjourn @ 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

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