

Arlington High School Building Committee Meeting
Tuesday, June 26, 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
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 (absent)
Amy Speare, Community Member Representative
Shannon Knuth, Teacher Representative
Kent Werst, Teacher Representative (@6:30 pm)

Also present: Jim Burrows, Dale Caldwell, Victoria Clifford, Skanska Inc.
Lori Cowles, Arthur Duffy, HMFH Architects, Inc.

Call to order: 6:00 pm

Public Participation

- ◆ Jennifer Susse (school committee member) spoke in favor of alternatives 2 & 3, but urged consideration for 2b as it represents a compromise of old and new, has easier access to the performing arts wing and is 7% larger with only a 2-3% increase in cost.
- ◆ Al Tosti (chair of the finance committee) thanked the committee on their hard work performed on the project. Mr. Tosti's concerns were cost, wants the most cost effective option (#4), that poses no risks associated with renovations (timelines, inflation, etc). Has no historical value (not on the historical register).
- ◆ Charlie Foskett (chair of the capital planning committee) recognized the efforts of the committee on the project – looking at a 20-50 million dollar difference in options, supports option 4.

HMFH Alternatives Update and Deliberation

All Alternatives have:

- ◆ improved site circulation (some challenges w Alt. 4)
- ◆ • increased parking

- ◆ • variety outdoor learning venues (except Alt.4)
- ◆ • all program spaces to meet the Educational Program
- ◆ • construction timelines range from 3 to 5-1/2 years; 1 to 4 phases
- ◆ • conceptual costs range from \$288M to \$333M

Lori Cowles reviewed Alternative 2b and 3a.

- ◆ In alternative 2b moved the physical education wing to the back of the site, the phasing is the same as in alternative 2 as is the modular costs. The committee discussed the pros and cons of maintaining the pit.
- ◆ Alternative 3a relocates performing arts to the front of the site on Massachusetts Avenue, there are not any modulares needed (with the exception of possibly housing LABBB students on the back of the site away from construction).
- ◆ Feedback from staff indicates that they are in favor of an academic wing located at the back of the site away from noise and traffic on Mass. Ave.
- ◆ District offices are in all of the options as there are no other locations available to house them. The Parmenter School will house the preschool during construction, after that there may be an option to house another town/school department there. The comptroller will be moved from the high school, the facilities department is still under review.

Skanska Budget and Estimate Review

- ◆ Jim Burrows of Skanska reviewed the budget and estimate document. Mr. Burrow noted that we are still in the preliminary planning stage, especially with respect to the MSBA funding rate. The committee reviewed the Alternative Summary sheet that outlined project cost,
- ◆ Sandy Pooler, Deputy Town Manager, analysis – level funded for 30 years at 4% interest, tax impact per household and estimated effective rate. The committee discussed budget and contingency amounts for each alternative.

Committee Feedback on Alternatives

Each committee member gave their feedback on alternatives 1-4.

Non-binding Initial Written Vote

Chairman Thielman informed the committee that we would be taking a written non-binding vote on all of the alternatives to get a sense of where the committee stands on the proposed alternatives, take a break, and report back on the results.

Results of the written vote was alternative 3a, 3, 2b, 2/2a,4,1.

Mr. Thielman allowed for comment from the floor. Mr. Foskett

Decision to Adjourn until June 28th or Final Vote

On a motion made by Brian Rehrig, seconded by Adam Chapdelaine for members of the School Building Committee to declare (via roll call vote) a preferred solution which shall be submitted to the Massachusetts School Building Authority.

The following roll call vote was recorded:

		Preferred Solution	Vote Cast
1	Kirsi Allison-Ampe	2b	1
2	Dr. Kathleen Bodie	3a	1
3	Francis Callahan	3a	1
4	Adam Chapdelaine	3a	1
5	John Cole	3a	1
6	John Danizio	3a	1
7	Tobey Jackson	3a	1
8	Matthew Janger	3a	1
9	Ryan Katofsky	3	1
10	Kate Loosian	3a	1
11	Bill McCarthy	3a	1
12	Steve Nesterak	3a	1
13	Judson Pierce	3a	1
14	Sandy Pooler	3a	1
15	Brian Rehrig	3a	1
16	Dan Ruiz	Absent	0
17	Amy Speare	3a	1
18	Jeff Thielman	3a	1
TOTAL			17

Chairman Thielman then announced that 14 (out of 16) members had voted Option 3A as the District’s preferred solution.

On a MOTION made by Adam Chapdelaine seconded by Brain Rehrig.it was voted to forward the preferred Alternate (3a) to the MSBA.

The following roll call vote was recorded:

		Submit 3A to MSBA	Vote Cast
1	Kirsi Allison-Ampe	No	1
2	Dr. Kathleen Bodie	Yes	1
3	Francis Callahan	Yes	1
4	Adam Chapdelaine	Yes	1
5	John Cole	Yes	1
6	John Danizio	Yes	1

7	Tobey Jackson	Yes	1
8	Matthew Janger	Yes	1
9	Ryan Katofsky	Yes	1
10	Kate Loosian	Yes	1
11	Bill McCarthy	Yes	1
12	Steve Nesterak	Yes	1
13	Judson Pierce	Yes	1
14	Sandy Pooler	Yes	1
15	Brian Rehrig	Yes	1
16	Dan Ruiz	Absent	0
17	Amy Speare	Yes	1
18	Jeff Thielman	Yes	1
TOTAL			17

Chairman Thielman then announced that the Arlington High School Building Committee had voted 15-1 in favor to submit Option 3A as the District’s preferred solution to the Massachusetts School Building Authority.

Roll call vote: Jeff Thielman, Kathleen Bodie, Adam Chapdelaine, Francis Callahan, John Cole, John Danizio, Tobey Jackson, Matthew Janger, Ryan Katofsky, Kate Loosian, William McCarthy, Steve Nesterak, Judson Pierce, Sandy Pooler, Brian Rehrig, Amy Speare, voted in the affirmative, opposed 1 Kirsi Allison-Ampe (Opposed due to her concern that option 3a will not be able to sustain increased enrollment growth), absent 1 Daniel Ruiz, abstained 0.

On a motion by Kathleen Bodie seconded by Adam Chapdelaine it was Voted to adjourn @ 9:00 p.m.

Submitted by:

Karen Tassone
Recording Secretary