

Arlington High School Building Committee Meeting
Thursday, January 31, 2019
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
Tobey Jackson, Community Member Representative
Matthew Janger, AHS Principal (absent)
Ryan Katofsky, Community Member Representative
Kate Loosian, Community Member Representative
Michael Mason APS Chief Financial Officer
William McCarthy, AHS Assistant Principal
Steve Nesterak, Facilities Director
Judson Pierce, Community Member (absent)
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: Jim Burrows, Victoria Clifford, Dale Caldwell, Skanska Inc.
Lori Cowles, Arthur Duffy, HMFH Architects, Inc.

Call to order: 6:00 pm

Public Participation

- ◆ Gordon Jamieson thanked the committee for its thoughtful work. He urged spending on ways to encourage bicycles and called having turf fields a no-brainer and noted that the columns are not worth \$2.5 million.
- ◆ Michael DeLisi suggested having a budget floor set at \$270 million, and working from there to add items in.
- ◆ Laura Notman stated that the high school will be our flagship building and urged to use durable materials that will last 100 years. Also consider incorporating turf at a later date and that historical items could be funded by the community or alumni.
- ◆ Peter Hedlund requested that the Menotomy Preschool be taken out of the project and moved to the former Parmenter, because its location at AHS lacks trees and open space.

Chairman Jeff Thielman explained the proposed the plan for tonight's meeting.

HMFH/Skanska Presentation

Lori Cowles reviewed the responses to questions raised at Tuesday's meeting per the attached memo.

Value Engineering Activity

The Committee went through each VE item individually in the sheet marked "Potential VE Items" and was allowed five minutes of discussion on each. Committee members can vote to remove a VE item.

- ◆ After discussion the committee took a straw vote (non-binding) on each item.
- ◆ Skanska tabulated the votes (visible on screen), the majority vote for any item will reflect on the spreadsheet will tabulate the savings.
- ◆ A yes votes means the committee agreed to remove the item from the project:.
- ◆ Simplify amphitheater design (\$274,884): Yes
- ◆ Simplify Minuteman bike ramp (\$1 million): Yes
- ◆ Various site reductions (\$70,000): Yes
- ◆ Three items related to photovoltaic infrastructure (costing \$1,206,698, \$1,113,748 and \$55,977): The vote was yes, but they were not removed from the project; instead, the costs will be covered under with [Ameresco](#), a renewable-energy company)
- ◆ Electrical-vehicle infrastructure 227 parking spaces (\$49,950): Yes
- ◆ Create image of Collomb House on glass curtain wall in lieu of reusing existing (\$1,965,000): Yes
- ◆ Salvage, repair, store and reinstall Old Hall proscenium (\$34,255): Yes
- ◆ Salvage clock and turn over to town (\$20,000): Yes
- ◆ Change sloped glazing to unit skylights (\$154,000): No
- ◆ Reduce 30 percent of copper siding to brick veneer (\$556,611): Yes
- ◆ Change ceilings of science and Family & Consumer Sciences Education classrooms (\$544,321): Yes
- ◆ Reduce acoustical wall treatment by 10 percent (\$72,891): Yes
- ◆ Change toilet facility from brick to [CMU](#) (\$44,045): Yes
- ◆ Delete roof deck above performing-arts classroom, add PVC roofing (\$178,456): Yes
- ◆ Delete wood paneling at School Committee Room (\$119,984): Yes
- ◆ Reduce glass guardrail by 25 percent (\$84,718): Yes
- ◆ Reduce AV/sound systems by 10 percent (\$197,998): No
- ◆ Reduce exterior sunshades by 10 percent (\$156,000): Yes
- ◆ Relocate payroll offices to Town Hall (\$804,372): Split vote, to be decided
- ◆ Cost-estimate correction (erroneous interior space) (\$275,958): Yes
- ◆ **Subtotal of the list above: \$8,979,866**
- ◆ Suggested to add back:
- ◆ Turf fields for baseball and softball, which is higher than the cost of grass (\$1,130,264): Yes
- ◆ Total potential value-engineering items (\$7,849,602)
- ◆ Change brick at athletics wing to CMU (\$252,381): No

There was a motion to table discussion (motion failed) of the payroll department location, currently payroll is in the estimates and in the floor plans (mezzanine level between preschool and district offices).

Supt. Bodie and the Town Manager will continue to discuss the location and report out at the next meeting.

School Committee Report

Chair of the School Committee Kirsi Allison-Ampe reported that the school committee met and agreed that no educational program items be omitted from the project. The Committee, (per request of the AHS Building Committee) created a rank order if additional cuts must be made. Memo attached.

1. Move Payroll out of the High School
2. Reduce the size of Menotomy Preschool Classrooms
3. Reduce the size of the Chorus classroom
4. Reduce the size of the Black Box Theatre
5. Reduce the size of the LABBB program space

Jim Burrow, Skanska reported that the new project cost is \$ 290,735,899.00. If payroll is kept in the costs the total amount is \$291,701,135.

Next Meeting

The Committee can discuss anything on the "Items for Separate Pricing" list (page 1 of the HMFH report) should the committee wish to make other reductions.

The Committee will discuss any other information it needs in order to be ready to take a final vote on February 5th.

The Committee would like to see at the next meeting:

- ◆ Show slides of the back of the building
- ◆ Show the sketches and location of the proposed payroll department.
- ◆ A breakout of soft costs.

New Business

Daniel Ruiz informed that he will be sending out a doodle with dates for the committee to tour Billerica High School. The CM is willing to meet on a Saturday and to also have 2 different tour days to accommodate everyone.

Bill McCarthy is continuing his work on creating a catalogue of items for the memorial subcommittee.

On a motion by Kate Loosian seconded by Daniel Ruiz it was unanimously:

Voted to adjourn @ 9:30 pm.

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