

**CENTRAL BERKSHIRE REGIONAL SCHOOL
DISTRICT**

WAHCONAH BUILDING PROJECT

**SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE KICKOFF
& ORIENTATION MEETING**

**6:30 PM
29 SEPTEMBER 2016**

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Agenda

- Call Meeting to Order; Welcome and Introductions
- WRHS Future
- Building Walkthrough
- WRHS Statement of Interest (SOI)
- Open Meeting Law
- MSBA Process
- Questions/Answers
- Adjourn

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School Building Committee Membership

Thank you!

Bob Archambault
Shawn Armacost, Chair, School Committee, Co-Chair SBC (ex officio)
John Bartels, Dalton Selectboard Chair/District Municipal Representative
Tom Callahan, SBC Co-Chair
Gary Campbell
Mike Case, School Committee
Laurie Casna, Superintendent of Schools
Wayne Cronnell
Liz Daniels
Mike Daniels
Roberta McCulloch Dews
Jason Dion, Building Manager
Anna Duquette
Todd Emerson
Melissa Falkowski, Assistant Superintendent
Andrew Garcia
Amy Grallert
Mike Hagmaier-D, School Committee
Kerry Mason
John McComish
Bill Mulholland
Jan Paxton
Aaron Robb, Building Principal
Chuck Sturtevant
Shawn Therrien
Melinda Walton

Thank you!

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Welcome

Why are we here?

To start the process of preparing the community and to perform the planning to address Wahconah Regional High School Building Needs

Why Now?

- CBRSD has for 10 years annually submitted a Statement Of Interest (SOI) to the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) for ten years
- SOI addresses Wahconah building deficiencies and needs.
- MSBA has now placed Wahconah in a category of "needing immediate attention"
- MSBA has therefore, invited CBRSD into their "Eligibility Period"

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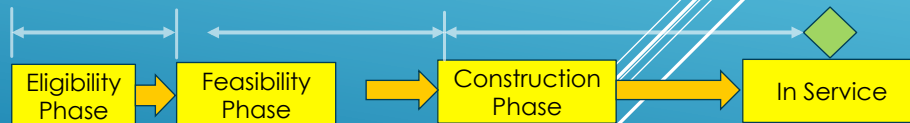
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What is the Eligibility Phase and what is next?

- During the eligibility phase we inform the community that a vote will be pending to decide whether or not to fund the "Feasibility Phase" of our building project



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What is the purpose of the SBC?

- The SBC is formed under MGL Ch. 71 § 68 and 963 CMR 2.10 (3)
- The SBC provides general project oversight including planning, construction, or other acquisition.
- The SBC makes recommendations to the "Eligible Applicant" AKA the School Committee
- Under CBRSD Policy 7570 the SBC acts as the authority for said projects and has the following responsibilities:
 1. To study and make recommendations to the district with respect to school building needs.
 2. To review thoroughly with the Superintendent and the School Committee the educational requirements in relation to school buildings.
 3. To review previous studies and initiate needed studies with or without consultative assistance.
 4. Recommend employing the services of architects and cost estimators and such other professional assistance as it may deem necessary or required by law and/or regulations.
 5. To generally monitor the MSBA Application process (if applicable)

- The SBC has no financial authority

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What is our current job?

- First and foremost we must inform the citizens of our seven towns about this project and prepare them for the impending vote to fund the feasibility study
- As such, we need to become informed
 - Tonight begins that process
- Understand MSBA Process
- Understand Wahconah SOI and building needs
- Understand state of other buildings in district
- Understand taxation structure, process, and status of levy ceilings in all towns
- Understand and acknowledge needs, desires, and wills of each of our seven towns
- Adopt a holistic perspective of students' needs expressed as a futuristic view of the building and what it offers our community

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SBC Operating Policy

- SBC is an ad hoc/special subcommittee to the School Committee and as such subject to District Bylaws and Policy
- Will follow parliamentary procedures/Robert's Rules of Order (ROR)
 - Mostly for motions and votes; hopefully the extent of ROR
- Try to keep meetings to under 2 hours
- Co-chairs will declare at the onset of a meeting who will preside as chair of the day

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Open Meeting Law (OML)

- MGL Chapter 30A §18-25
- All meetings open to the public
- Must be posted, with agenda, at least 48 hours in advance
- Must record minutes and make available to public
- All deliberations occur when we meeting publically as posted
- No deliberations via email; only organization/informational message

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BACKUP

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- MSBA formally invites CBRSD to enter Eligibility Period
- Initial Compliance Certification completed
- School committees votes to initiate School Building Committee (SBC)
- Planning
 - SBC Kickoff meeting on 9/20/16, consideration of subcommittees
 - Copy of SOI and recent building needs studies
 - Reinforce that the SBC exists to plan a "new" WRHS. Everyone must advocate!
 - SBC creates governance structure and sets standing meeting agenda
 - All meetings are best held at WRHS
 - Property and building visit and walkthrough
 - Understand options; restoration, renovation, new building
 - Town voting; MGL Ch 71 S16(d) versus MGL Ch 71 S16(n)
- Need to address Public Relations plan; build voter advocacy and bring this to the towns early
 - One channel is 7-town advisory meeting
 - Need to build a strong campaign with supporting material
 - Theme
 - Logo
 - Slogan
 - Mission Statement and Vision

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