

Central Berkshire Regional School District
School Building Project Committee Meeting
Thursday February 15, 2108

A regular meeting of the Central Berkshire Regional School District School Building Needs Committee, held at Wahconah Regional High School in Dalton, MA, on Thursday February 15, 2018 was called to order by Co-Chair Callahan at 4:45

ROLL CALL

Present: Tom Callahan (Co-Chair), Anna Duquette (Student Rep) (5:01), John Bartels, Gary Campbell Jr., Mike Daniels, Jason Dion, Bonny DiTomasso, Andrew Garcia, Jan Paxton, Rich Peters, Shawn Therrien, Aaron Robb, Melinda Walton, Superintendent Laurie Casna, Assistant Superintendent Melissa Falkowski

Absent: Shawn Armacost (Co-Chair), Robert Archambault (Student Rep), Mike Case, Wayne Cronnell, Liz Daniels, Jake Eberwein, Todd Emerson Mike Hagmaier, Mike Hinkley, Kerry Mason, John McComish, Roberta McCulloch Dews, Bill Mulholland, Chuck Sturtevant,

Also Present: Recording Secretary, Members of Skanska, Members of DRA, Members of the Audience

School Building Committee members introduced themselves.

2. Validation of Agenda

Co-Chair Callahan validated the agenda as required by the open meeting law.

3. Response from Audience

None

4. Approval of minutes from January 11, 2018 meeting

MOVED BY MEMBER WAGNER SECONDED BY MEMBER DION

To approve the minutes of the School Building Committee minutes of January 11, 2018 as printed.

Ayes: 14 members

Nays: None.

Abstentions: None.

Motion carried unanimously.

5. Review of Educational Visioning Process

6. MSBA Process

7. Preliminary Design Program Status

8. Community Workshops Discussion

Carl Franchesci (DRA) spoke about the visioning session that took place on January 29, 2018. The session was recorded and was well attended.

The steps will be:

1. Educational Plan
2. Options
3. Criteria

4. Shortlist
5. Project

A PowerPoint presentation was given to show the process.

Carl reviewed the three major milestones:

- Preliminary Design Program
 - Educational Plan
 - Evaluating the physical conditions
 - Developing alternatives (preliminary alternatives)
- Preferred Schematic Report
 - Educational Plan
 - Evaluation of Alternatives
 - Preferred Options
- Schematic Design
 - Scope
 - Budget
 - Schedule

The PowerPoint showed a table of contents for the preliminary design program and the multiple phases of the educational plan.

Laurie and Aaron elaborated on where the group is at regarding these phases- most of the points have been worked on and Aaron feels the working document they can share tomorrow (February 16) at the second visioning session is mostly complete.

A space analysis was shown on the PowerPoint to show which parts of the building are at state standards and which parts are below state standards in regards to space.

Carl showed a space summary form so the committee could see what it looks like.

Some rooms can vary from the guidelines. There are still a few questions as far as renovating certain areas over the MSBA size guidelines and what their reimbursement would be.

A sample question is: Would they still reimburse if we renovated the auditorium but wanted to keep it the size that it is?

The committee also needs to clarify with MSBA some of the questions about square footage per student. Carl went over preliminary designs and conceptual resolutions

Upcoming community meetings

March 27- 5&7 Windsor & WRHS

March 29 – 5&7 Becket-Washington Elementary & Kittredge Elementary

These community meetings will be discussion meetings which will start off as one group and then be broken into smaller groups to have small group discussions. Will hope to have one or two of the meetings recorded.

Aaron added that he is hopeful as a School Building Committee member that you would go to the community meeting of the town you are living in and he asked for committee members to pencil in the dates of your town meeting, he added, it is important for someone to be there from each town that is on the School Building Committee.

Jan asked how we can get the attendance up at the individual town meetings. Aaron answered that the district has been emailing parents with a weekly email and there is segment every week with reminders about SBC meetings.

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Discussion continued about how this committee can send information out as far as pamphlets and mailings.

The next full School Building Committee meeting will be March 15th 4:30-6:00 in the Wahconah Library.

9. Adjournment

Adjournment 5:37 PM