

Central Berkshire Regional School District
School Building Project Committee Meeting
Thursday April 12, 2018

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 April 12, 2018 was called to order by Co-Chair Armacost at 4:36

ROLL CALL

Present: Shawn Armacost (Co-Chair), John Bartels, Gary Campbell Jr., Mike Daniels, Jason Dion, Bonny DiTomasso, Anna Duquette (Student Rep), Andrew Garcia, Mike Hinkley, Kerry Mason, John McComish, Bill Mulholland, Aaron Robb, Chuck Sturtevant, Shawn Therrien, Superintendent Laurie Casna, Assistant Superintendent Melissa Falkowski

Absent: Tom Callahan (Co-Chair), Robert Archambault (Student Rep), Mike Case, Wayne Cronnell, Liz Daniels, Jake Eberwein, Todd Emerson Mike Hagmaier, Roberta McCulloch Dews, Jan Paxton, Rich Peters, Melinda Walton

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

2. Validation of Agenda

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

3. Response from Audience

None

4. Approval of minutes from March 15, 2018 meeting

MOVED BY MEMBER DION SECONDED BY MEMBER DANIELS

To approve the minutes of the School Building Committee minutes of March 15, 2018 as printed.

Ayes: 17 members

Nays: None.

Abstentions: None.

Motion carried unanimously.

5. Review Education Plan – Vote to Approve

The Vote was moved up in the agenda to accommodate members who had to leave the meeting early. Superintendent Casna stated that this Educational Plan is a draft and is the start of the process.

Shawn Therrien and Aaron Robb presented a PowerPoint on the Educational Plan for the committee. The Educational Plan was also emailed to committee members prior to the meeting.

Information was gathered from various departments to help put the plan together. The overall information gathered was a variety of ideas from various departments and people.

The PowerPoint uses language that may not seem familiar but is basic to the actual building design. The committee is not committing today to the organizational plan- flexibility is built in to the plan to accommodate many years down the road.

Bonny DiTomasso discussed the using the word needs in the educational plan document. She also suggests more safety features being added such as bulletproof doors and panic buttons.

Co-Chair Armacost requests a motion to be made for the Educational Plan Vote

MOVED BY MEMBER DITOMASSO SECONDED BY WAGNER

BE IT RESOLVED that the Wahconah Building Committee approves the Educational Plan for Wahconah Regional High School, a required component for the Feasibility Study, and escalate the plan to the School Committee for subsequent approval

Ayes: 17 members

Nays: None.

Abstentions: None.

Motion carried unanimously.

6. Status of PDP an upcoming submission – Approval Requirements

Carl Franchesci (DRA) highlighted that the Proposed Space Summary follows the Education Plan

A copy of the Proposed Space Summary can be found with the official minutes. Carl explained the MSBA plan around using the 85% of the actual enrollment for building space.

The options discussed included alternative options, 4 addition/renovation options and 9 new construction options.

7. Summary of Community Workshops

8. Review and Discuss Preliminary Workshops

A summary of the workshops will be included in the Preliminary Design Program

The workshop sessions were recorded

The main 3 points that were discussed were:

- Concerns: cost, size, support for the vote
- Opportunity: make this a green school
- Suggestions: building design, curriculum, technology, community use

Generally, the meetings were positive, constructive and helpful.

General discussion among the committee continued including topics of:

- Temporary costs being non reimbursable by MSBA- including portable classrooms
- Future possible combining of schools- not in the design currently but wanted to make sure that the thought is there.
- Real life application will be given with science teachers using this part of the design as a teaching plan

The next meeting will be a vote on the Preliminary Design Plan. A quorum must be present to vote, please email Vicki with your intention to attend the meeting.

9. Adjournment

Adjournment 6:17PM

The next meeting will be Thursday April 26, 2018 at 4:30 in the Wahconah Library