

Central Berkshire Regional School District  
School Building Project Committee Meeting  
Thursday August 23, 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 August 23, 2018 was called to order by Co-Chair Tom Callahan at 4:34.

ROLL CALL

Present: Tom Callahan (Co-Chair), John Bartels, Mike Case, Wayne Cronnell, Mike Daniels, Jason Dion, Bonny DiTomasso, Todd Emerson, Andrew Garcia, Kerry Mason, John McComish (4:41), Bill Mulholland, Jan Paxton, Richard Peters, Aaron Robb, Chuck Sturtevant, Shawn Therrien, Melinda Walton, Superintendent Laurie Casna, Assistant Superintendent Melissa Falkowski

Absent: Shawn Armacost (Co-Chair), Robert Archambault (Student Rep), Gary Campbell Jr., Liz Daniels, Anna Duquette (Student Rep), Jake Eberwein, Mike Hagmaier, Mike Hinkley, Roberta McCulloch Dews, , Richard Wagner,

Also Present: Recording Secretary, Berkshire Eagle reporter Larry Parnass, Members of Skanska and Members of DRA, Members of the Audience

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 June 14, 2018 meeting

MOVED BY MEMBER STURTEVANT SECONDED BY MEMBER CASE

*To approve the minutes of the School Building Committee minutes of June 14, 2018 as printed.*

Ayes: 20 members

Nays: None.

Abstentions: None.

Motion carried unanimously.

Carl Franchesci from DRA presents a PowerPoint on the preferred alternative that has been chosen.

A table of contents was handed out.

Carl discussed the changes that have been made to the Updated Space Summary Form. A few decisions were made to help reduce square footage for some classrooms. The spaces that had some changes were Core Academic (Teacher Planning, Chemical Storage and Greenhouse), Art and Music, Vocational and Technology, and the Auditorium,

John McComish arrived at the meeting (4:41)

Carl reviewed the options that the committee has been reviewing. These options were also presented at the Town Meetings for community input.

New construction Option 2A.2 was chosen. Carl reviewed the slides to show what the construction would like before, during and after. The new building would be situated on the current parking lot area. This option offers a two story classroom design and one entrance point for safety.

Carl also discussed the Evaluation of Alternatives, showing how much voting no and not going forward with MSBA reimbursement would cost to make basic necessary repairs to the building.

The Evaluation of Alternatives hand out was reviewed on the PowerPoint.

Tom Callahan mentioned that through speaking with the members of Skanska and DRA he is confident that this option is the best one for our district.

John Bartels thanked the members of Skanska and DRA for pairing costs down.

Carl stated that the specific cost estimate won't be available until February. They will have exact costs when they go to Spring Town Meetings. John Bartels commented that the sooner the better for the cost to be presented to the towns.

Jan Paxton asked what the bond rate is and if we are at the 20 or 30 year. Melissa answered an estimate would be 4% and about 25-30 years for the bond.

John McComish stated that Mt. Greylock is sending letters out saying they are short about 90 lockers. Carl replied that it is not unusual for a school to have less lockers than students. The building is flexible to accommodate more students than what the state has anticipated.

Some discussion occurred about voting and deadlines.

Aaron Robb mentioned that the design the committee has approved is the most reimbursable plan that meets all of the educational plan requirements and keeps the values of Wahconah.

5. Approval of Wahconah Building Project, Preferred Schematic Report

MOVED BY MEMBER CASE SECONDED BY MEMBER MULLHOLLAND

*WHEREAS that the Wahconah Building Committee has reviewed the Preferred Schematic Report related materials for the Wahconah High School Project. BE IT RESOLVED the Wahconah Building Committee approves and authorizes the Architect and Owner's Project Manager to submit the Preferred Schematic Report related materials to the MSBA for its consideration*

Ayes: 21 members

Nays: None.

Abstentions: None.

Motion carried unanimously

6. Adjournment

*Adjournment 5:56*

The next meeting will be Thursday September 6, 2018 @ 4:30 to approve the minutes from this meeting.