

### Minutes

Present: Nancy McJennett (Chair); Tim Hult (Vice-Chair); Molly Battle; Brenda Finn; Michael Fitzgerald; Ken Hoffman; Cricket McCaffrey-Clark; Karen Sabatino; Len Wetherbee; Jerry Wedge

Others Present: John Flaherty; Mark Howell; Ginny Lamere; Peter Lukacic; Alex Pitkin; Phil Poinelli; Joel Seeley; Jan McGinn

I. CALL TO ORDER AND GREETING

The meeting was called to order by Nancy McJennett at 6:00PM. Nancy welcomed new committee member Cricket McCaffrey-Clark and thanked Mark Howell from the Finance Committee for sitting in on the meetings also.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the last meeting of May 17<sup>th</sup> were reviewed and a Motion was made by Michael Fitzgerald and seconded by Karen Sabatino to approve the minutes. The motion was unanimously approved.

III. REVIEW OF SMMA PRESENTATION TO SCHOOL COMMITTEE

a. Joel Seeley asked if there was any feedback regarding the presentation to the School Committee. Karen Sabatino asked about the establishment of a final enrollment #. Discussion ensued regarding raising the 1350 projected enrollment number. Phil Poinelli indicated that the schematic design phase will handle any adjustments to that number at project launch time. Michael Fitzgerald indicated that the question will be raised by residents regarding the enrollment number and the committee should be prepared to answer these questions.

IV. REVIEW OF OPTIONS

- a. Joel Seeley indicated he would like to use this meeting time to narrow down the options. He would like the committee to move towards selecting a preferred option for each category and move those forward. He would also like to discuss the level of information to present to the School Committee and public.
- b. Renovation/Addition
- i. Alex Pitkin displayed overview drawings of all 6 of the various options for Addition/Renovation. A conversation ensued regarding the possibility of any of the above options. Len Wetherbee expressed his concern over site issues regarding the flow of traffic/pedestrian's etc. and wanted to make sure a conversation regarding this was timely. Phil Poinelli wanted to make clear that

any single Ren/Add scheme utilizing the current building may not solve all the problems/issues. Ken Hoffman asked about the phasing of the project indicating that phasing was important. Joel Seeley indicated that the New Construction estimated completion time was approx. 36 months, Ren/Add would be approximately 48-54 months, and Renovation Only would be approximately 32-36 months. Phase I would include setting up approximately 15 modulars, demolition of the L-wing, and the addition of the auditorium and gymnasium. Phase II would include the addition of new administrative offices. Phase III would be the renovation of the science wing. The school could use the L-Gym as swing space during the renovation of the classrooms. The issue of accommodating parking was mentioned. Phil Poinelli indicated that there will definitely be site constraints and possibly limitations on parking.

- ii. Tim Hult indicated that there could be possibly be another option with all the additions on one side (the right) allowing for parking on the left side of the building. Cricket McCaffrey-Clark indicated she liked the idea of the field house and auditorium on the same side of the building.
- iii. Karen Sabatino suggested going back to the matrix and looking to see what options meet the goals and possibly adding some of the things we are talking about tonight. Committee members agreed.
- iv. Peter Lukacic summarized the Ren/Add options indicating that the access road should be reviewed with the DPW. Also safety and fire access codes have to be met and all options presented meet those codes.

c. New Construction

- i. Peter Lukacic reviewed the options for New Construction. The question was raised as to what would happen to the bus barn in a New Construction situation. John Flaherty and Brenda Finn indicated that the bus barn could be relocated as it's not necessary to leave it undisturbed. However, there hasn't been much conversation as to relocating it off of the school site. John Flaherty indicated getting some pricing associated with it's relocation would be helpful.
- ii. In Option N-02 we would lose playing field space for the time of the construction and demolition, which is seen as a negative.
- iii. Jerry Wedge asked about developing the land behind the school for extra parking or playing field space. Grading issues and field placement were discussed. Peter Lukacic indicated it would be approximately \$1-2 million to build up this area.
- iv. Joel Seeley asked the committee if they were prepared to pick a preferred option for New Construction at this time. Nancy McJennett asked for a vote on Option 2A vs. Option 7 as it seemed that the committee had narrowed it down to those two. The vote count was as follows: 5 votes for Option-2A; 2 votes for Option-7; 2 didn't vote; 4 not present. Brenda Finn indicated she would like to see the site before voting. Karen Sabatino asked for SMMA's opinion on a preferred option. Alex Pitkin indicated Option-2A.

- v. The cost issues were reviewed.
- d. Joel Seeley asked if Options 3, 4, and 5 are options that the committee has discounted under Reno/Add? The committee indicated they are ready to eliminate options 3 and 4, but not 5 yet.
- e. Michael Fitzgerald asked how the phasing would be handled as he believes it is a critical point.
- f. Nancy McJennett suggested wrapping up the meeting and taking a look at the Ren/Add options next meeting. Joel Seeley said they would concentrate on refining some of the Ren/Add options for the next meeting. John Flaherty asked to make sure the modulars and temporary staging was broken out, which they are in the cost models.
- g. Joel Seeley handed out costs for options 2 and 6.

V. NEXT MEETING

- a. The next meeting will be held on June 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM.
- b. It was suggested to leave June 14<sup>th</sup> open for another presentation by SMMA to the School Committee identifying the top 3 options chosen by the Feasibility Committee.

VI. MEETING ADJOURNED

- a. A Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Brenda Finn and seconded by Molly Battle. Motion unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned at 9:00PM

Respectfully submitted,

Eileen Comeau  
Approved 6/7/05