

Minutes

Present: Nancy McJennett (Chair); Molly Battle; Suresh Bhatia; Arthur Dulong (left at 7:00pm); Brenda Finn; Michael Fitzgerald; Cricket McCaffrey-Clark; Karen Sabatino; Judy Terry; Jerry Wedge

Others Present: John Flaherty; Mark Howell; Ginny Lamere; Phil Poinelli; Joel Seeley

I. CALL TO ORDER AND GREETING

The meeting was called to order by Nancy McJennett at 6:00PM.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from the last meeting of May 31st were reviewed and approved. A Motion was made by Michael Fitzgerald and seconded by Jerry Wedge to approve the minutes. The Motion was unanimously approved.

III. SMMA PRESENTATION

- a. Joel Seeley indicated they have developed Options 1a and 1b in addition to the previous options. They have also developed the site work for the New Construction options.
- b. Phil Poinelli displayed Option-2 (previously presented). All options include approximately 500 parking spaces. A diagram was displayed creating another field so that the number of fields is not diminished. Option-6 shifts the public wings (auditorium and gym) to the right of the current building. A classroom wing will be added to the front (where the A-wing is now). Judy Terry asked if the public wings get too congested being in such close proximity. Phil Poinelli indicated that they have done that in the past and it can work. In Option-1a they would build the science component first and then a classroom wing off the back. This would include taking down the I-wing. Science and Technology would go in the new sections. Option-1b adds a 1-story Science addition to the back of the building. Each option would require 3 phases of building and would require some portables.
- c. Committee members indicated that they thought the classroom wing off the back was too far away from the center of the educational space.
- d. Karen Sabatino asked SMMA and the educators what their thoughts were about having the auditorium and the gym located on different sides of the building. Cricket McCaffrey-Clark said she can see how the community might like having one on each side of the building. She also liked the classroom design of the S-wing so that the courtyard space in the middle

was not closed in. Joel Seeley indicated that they could use the design for the S-wing from Option-1a.

- e. Phil Poinelli indicated we should start eliminating options to narrow it down. Art Dulong was asked his opinion of Option-1b. Art Dulong did indicate that with this design, they could use both the auditorium and gym on the same night for different functions. It is also the most compact design.
- f. Committee members narrowed down the options to Option-1b @\$80M, Option-2 @\$78M, and Option-6 @ \$79M. They are all within a 48-54 month construction time.
- g. Another option was suggested - filling in the space between the two buildings, creating a more favorable center of gravity. This would be the new Option-1c. This option would be about the same cost as Option-2 as the square footage stays the same. The committee preferred the open courtyard versus the closed. Most preferred the one story administrative wing versus the 2 to 3 story wing. The phasing for Option-1c would be gymnasium and 1c section first. Phase 2 would be the auditorium. Phase 3 would be the administrative and library area.
- h. The committee preferred Option-1c with the open courtyard in the S-wing, a classroom addition off of the current I-wing location, and the auditorium and gymnasiums on separate ends of the building.
- i. Jerry Wedge expressed some concerns about the whole site plan in general. SMMA indicated that once an option is chosen the site plan can be refined.
- j. Joel Seeley said they will refine Option-1c and the New Construction options for the School Committee meeting on June 14th.

IV. NEXT MEETING

- a. SMMA to present the top 3 options to the School Committee on June 14th.
- b. Feasibility committee to meet on June 21st at 6:00pm.
- c. SMMA to present final recommendation to the School Committee in July. Specific date TBD.

V. ADJOURNMENT

- a. A Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Jerry Wedge and seconded by Michael Fitzgerald. The motion was unanimously approved and the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Eileen Comeau
Approved 6/21/05