

HINSDALE SCHOOL RENOVATION COMMITTEE MEETING – MINUTES

Wednesday, February 13, 2019, AT 6:00 PM

BLUE ROOM – TOWN HALL

Meeting Facilitator: Steven Frazier, Chair
Dave Carter, Vice Chair

Invitees: M. Bird, M. Shanley-Brady, D. Denning, R. Geiger, M. Hintz, N. Kelly, N. O’Dea, C. Perez, D. Pfenninger, M. Ruzbason, T. Sandonato, B. Stratford, and S. Vaill

1. Roll Call - D. Denning, S. Frazier, M. Brady-Shanley, M. Hintz, D. Carter, N. O’Dea-Wyrick, D. Carter - 7:00 PM
2. Pledge
3. Public Comment - No public comment
4. Business – Update from Design Team - Projected enrollment for the next five years was reviewed. Aligned the number of students with the square footage allowance, equaling 36,988. We are allowed an additional 1,000 square foot due to the building being older. The addition can be 4,400 square foot according to the current enrollment. Since the last meeting, SP and A worked with the instructional team to redo the floor plan. Program goal was to get it to fit within the allowable 37,000 square foot.
 - a) Revised floor plan review

Dean Petrucelli reviewed the potential floor plan. See attachment of “Revised Scheme 3”. Based on 269 enrollment and Pre-K 3 to Grade 2.

BG - Asked if you could potentially seek additional classroom space. SP and A said absolutely

DF - Does this solve the water problem? - Yes, it will solve the issue. 100-year flood flows off-site.

MH - Size of school kitchen is 10% larger than previous.

SV - Is there a generator scheduled to go in. Currently, none in the plan but the DAS will support a new generator at 70% reimbursement.

DC - Solar? Eversource for solar? Dean Petrucelli - It would be a cost prohibitive to the project. The current building has not been analyzed to see if the current structure could handle the additional weight of solar.

Dean Petrucelli then presented the eight-year enrollment forecast required by the state. Maximum enrollment potential is what the state looks at. MBS explained how we arrived at the numbers. Maximizing Pre-K enrollment and averaging 80 Kindergartener.

The increase to the enrollment of 293 allows for a 40,000 sq. foot building.

BG - Talked about regionalization. Old models will be forced to change.

DP - When you file for the grant before June 30th, the grant funding amount will be funded at 70%. The number will reset on July 1. Reimbursement rates say relatively similar year to year.

MH - Wants to investigate the additional square footage.

b) Revised site plan review

Don Smith presented the site plan. See "site plan 2 13 2019." Currently, no planning and zoning variance needed. If the building would be larger, the variance would be needed. 58 parking spaces on the site. Parent loop would remain with 23 spaces. 4 discharge spaces for student exit. A 5 bus loading area. 2 new playgrounds. Stormwater management on the sides of the field.

For the section of the building coming down. 8 parking spots off of Spencer Dr. Brook would be exposed. Fencing would be installed and guide rail for safety around the brook.

A second pipe would be added to release the water flowing under the driveway

SF - This plan takes care of water and mold issues in the building. All water issues will be resolved. All new ductwork throughout the building. Therefore all issues mitigated.

JB - Is it less expensive to go out or up. Up is a lot more expensive. DP would suggest staying on one story even if it means seeking a variance.

SF - Asked do you need a motion to investigate for the additional 3,000 sq ft.

Michelle Hintz - Made the motion

Dale Denning - 2nd.

4 - Yes

0 - No

1 - Abstain

Motion Passes

c) Revised Opinion of probable construction cost review

DP reviewed the scope of cost with the team. With the addition of the building 4,400 sq. foot. Total construction cost \$14,149,400. Cost to the town - \$8,842,448

If you do the addition based on increased enrollment, it would be about \$9.3.

d) Schedule/Next steps.

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5. Adjournment - 7:11 PM Dave Carter Motion, Michelle Hintz 2nd