

School Facilities Study Committee

Minutes

Monday, April 3, 2023

7:00 p.m.

Present:

School Facilities Study Committee: Lou Pear, Eileen Moynihan, Kerry Darby, Robert Hetrick, David Murphy, Scott Nicol, Michael Hernandez, Meg Scata

Others Present: Ryan Curley (First Selectman), Charles Britton (Superintendent of Schools), Stephanie Fragola (Business Manager), Bob Shea (Director of Buildings & Grounds), Ryan Walstrom (Principal Gildersleeve School) Laurel Steinhauser (Board of Education Chairperson) Mike Sorano (Friar Architect), Bryce Sens (Friar Architect)

Absent: Peter Filanda

1. Call to Order

Lou Pear called the meeting to order at 7:04pm.

2. Approve Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda by Meg Scata, seconded by Eileen Moynihan, unanimously approved, motion carried.

3. Approve the Minutes

Motion to accept the minutes made by Eileen Moynihan, seconded by Meg Scata, unanimously approved, motion carried.

4. Reduction of Square Footage Blueprint

A new schematic of the proposed reduction of square footage of the Brownstone School renovation was provided to the committee to show that there will not be any classrooms located in the basement. All education will be on the first & second floors and the basement will only house the cafeteria and gym. Discussion followed.

5. Round Table Discussion

Charles Britton compared all the scenarios; capital improvements only for all schools, option 1 and 2 and the effect on the budget over 30 years. This included budget \$ amount, an increase of 2.75% each year(average), total 30 year operating costs, total cost of a bond, and then total 30-year cost to the town. The budget numbers listed for option 1 & 2 do not include capital improvements needed at the HS/MS facility. Discussion followed.

6. Vote on Option

Committee members were asked to vote for an option and explain why they chose that option. The final vote from the committee was 5 members for Option 2 (closing only Gildersleeve, BIS Gr 4-6, VV Pre-K to 3) and 3 members for Option 1 (closing Gildersleeve & BIS, VV Pre-K to 6).

7. Proposed Plan to be Presented to the Committee on 5/8/23

The next step is for Charles Britton & Lou Pear to create a report with the data and information from these meetings to present to the Board of Selectman. The report will be presented to the committee at the 5/8/23 meeting for review and vote.

8. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Eileen Moynihan, seconded by Kerry Darby, unanimously approved, motion carried, meeting adjourned at 8:16pm.

***Next meeting May 8, 2023 7pm at the Portland High School Library**

Respectfully submitted,
Liz Paternostro, Recording Clerk