

**Meeting Minutes**  
**Farmington High School Building Committee Online Meeting**  
**Wednesday, February 24, 2021**  
**6:30 P.M.**

**Attendees:**

Meg Guerrera, Chair  
Ellen Siuta  
Michael Smith  
Sharon Mazzochi  
Johnny Carrier  
Wendy Ku  
Chris Fagan, Town Council Liaison  
Beth Kintner, Board of Education Liaison  
Kathy Greider, Superintendent  
Alicia Bowman, Asst. Superintendent of Finance & Operations  
Sam Kilpatrick, Director of School Facilities  
Scott Hurwitz, FHS Principal  
Lisa Kapcinski, Assistant Principal  
Kathy Blonski, Town Manager  
Kat Krajewski, Assistant Town Manager  
Devon Aldave, Clerk of the Committee  
Chris Cykley, Construction Solutions Group  
Mark Garilli, Construction Solutions Group  
Ryszard Szczypek, TSKP Studio

**A. Call to Order.**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 P.M.

**B. Pledge of Allegiance.**

The committee members recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**C. Public Comment.**

None.

**D. Minutes.**

**1) To approve the attached February 10, 2021 minutes.**

Upon a motion made and seconded (Carrier/Mazzochi) it was unanimously VOTED: to approve the February 10, 2021 minutes.

**E. Correspondence Received 2/6/2021 – 2/19/2021.**

**1) Pierre Guertin – Regarding Reimbursement Rates**

**2) John Burgeson – Suggestions**

Meg Guerrera reviewed the correspondence received.

**F. Reports.**

**1) Chair Report.**

Meg Guerrera stated that much information would be discussed in the other reports.

**2) Town Council Liaison Report.**

Chris Fagan stated that the Town Council met on February 16<sup>th</sup> and had consensus for a June 3<sup>rd</sup> target referendum date. Chris also stated that the Town Council will hold a special meeting tomorrow to discuss the 1928 Building.

**3) Communications Subcommittee Report.**

Kat Krajewski stated that the subcommittee met this morning and discussed ways to engage various community groups. Kat stated that the subcommittee narrowed down six topics that will be the focus of public informational meetings.

**4) Financial Communications Subcommittee Report.**

Meg Guerrera stated that this subcommittee met following the information received regarding the financial forecast from Town Council. Meg stated that this group began to discuss communicate this information clearly to the community.

**5) Board of Education Liaison Report.**

Beth Kintner stated that the Board of Education presented the capital request to Town Council for the next program year.

**6) Financial Report.**

Kat Krajewski stated that there have not been many updates since the February 10<sup>th</sup> meeting. The financial report document is recorded with these minutes as Attachment A.

**7) State/Legislative Update.**

This agenda item was discussed as part of Agenda Item H-1.

**8) Industry Update.**

This agenda item was discussed as part of Agenda Item H-1.

**G. Presentations.**

**1) Presentation of Community Survey Results by Tall Timbers Marketing.**

Ira Yellen presented the results of the community survey that was sent out to all households in Farmington and Unionville. These documents are recorded with these minutes as Attachment B.

**H. New Business**

**1) To approve the amended cost estimate for the FHS Building Project.**

Mark Garilli and Ryszard Szczypek presented updates to the cost estimate. This presentation is recorded with these minutes as Attachment C.

Upon a motion made and seconded (Carrier/Ku) it was unanimously VOTED: to approve the amended cost estimate for the FHS Building Project.

**2) To approve the attached invoice from Tall Timbers Marketing in the amount of \$6,000.00.**

Upon a motion made and seconded (Carrier/Mazzochi) it was unanimously VOTED: to approve the invoice from Tall Timbers Marketing in the amount of \$6,000.00.

**I. Adjournment.**

Upon a motion made and seconded (Carrier/Siuta) it was unanimously VOTED: to adjourn at 7:53 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Devon Aldave  
Clerk of the Committee

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 Financial Report- February 24, 2021

<b>Starting Account Balance 2016</b>	\$500,000	Initial authorization for the FHS Building Committee in 2016
<b>Remaining Balance from 2016 committee</b>	\$266,007.00	Remaining balance from previous FHS committee approved at 9/10/19 Town Council Meeting
<b>Appropriation from Town Council</b>	\$199,000.00	approved at 9/10/19 Town Council Meeting
<b>Transfer from Town Council</b>	\$256,000.00	Council Meeting

**Total Account Balance- Beginning 2018 \$721,007.00**

**Expenses from Ad Hoc Committees:**

<b>Amount</b>	<b>Description</b>	
\$17,000	Community Survey	Contract

**Expenses from this FHS Building Committee:**

<b>Amount</b>	<b>Description</b>	
\$33.75	2 year website Domain- fhsbuildingproject.org	P-Card
\$27.90	2 year website Domain- fhsbuildingproject.com	P-Card
\$27.90	2 year website Domian- fhsbuildingproject.net	P-Card
\$432.00	wix website hosting	P-Card
	wix credit	Credit
\$369.66	hartford courant legal notice for Architect RFP	cu00254321
\$1,993.00	FHS Building Committee Intern (Summer Work)	
\$218.16	Square Space website hosting	P-Card
\$14,850.00	PT Help-- For Committee	Contract
\$15.94	Staples- Poster for 10/16 Community Input Meeting	P-Card
\$105.10	Highland park Market- Dinner for Interviews	P-Card
\$25.47	Staples Poster Boards for Communtiy Input Meeting	Staples Credit Card
\$276.90	Amazon- Supplies for Community Input Meeting	P-Card
\$132.75	Chartwells- Coffee/Tea for Communtiy Input Meeting	
\$112.50	Chartwells from 1/25 Community meeting	

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\$596.00	Nutmeg TV Meetings 1/8, 1/15, 1/22	
\$1,198.00	Briarwood Printing- Postcard 8/2020	
\$2,941.34	USPS Postcard Mailing- 8/2020	
\$229.72	Square space website hosting- annual fee	P-Card
\$1,925.06	January Newsletter Postage 1/20/21	
\$224.19	Survey- Business Reply Postage 1/25/21	
\$383.52	Survey -Business Reply Postage 1/27/21	
\$191.76	Survey- Business Reply Postage 1/28/21	
\$62.04	Survey-Business Reply Postage 1/29/21	
\$269.31	Survey- Business Reply Postage 2/1/21	
\$60.63	Survey-Business Reply Postage 2/3/21	
\$36.66	Survey-Business Reply Postage 2/4/21	
\$169.89	Overnight Shipping to Survey Systems	
\$9.80	Survey- Business Reply Postage 2/5/21	
\$35.25	Survey-Business Reply Postage 2/5/21	
\$97.25	Overnight Shipping to Survey Systems	
		Additional reply postage received after survey deadline
\$318.66	Survey-Business Reply Postage- 2/9-2/24/21	
<b>Total Expense:</b>		<b>\$27,370.11</b>

**Current Account Balance** **\$676,636.89**

<i>Professional Partners-Invoice (Part 1)</i>	<i>Amount Billed to Date</i>	<i>Total Contract Amount (Part 1)</i>	<i>Remaining Balance</i>
CSG Invoice	\$89,109.00	\$89,109.00	\$0.00
QA+M	\$47,000.00	\$47,000.00	\$0.00
TSKP Studio	\$120,000.00	\$120,000.00	\$0.00
<i>Professional Partners-Invoice (Part 2)</i>			
Center for Research and Public Policy	\$8,500.00	\$17,000.00	\$8,500.00
Tall Timbers Marketing	\$19,757.00	\$32,500.00	\$12,743.00
CSG	\$31,707.00	\$105,690.00	\$73,983.00
TSKP Studio	\$118,046.16	\$130,000.00	\$11,953.84

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<i><b>Total Invoices Approved to Date</b></i>	<b>\$434,119.16</b>
<b>Updated Account Balance (with invoices)</b>	<b>\$242,517.73</b>
<i><b>Remaining Balances</b></i>	
Remaining Balances (see above)	\$107,179.84
<b>Total Remaining Balances</b>	<b>\$107,179.84</b>
<b>Total On Hand</b>	<b>\$135,337.89</b>

## FHSBC SURVEY RESULTS (QUANTITATIVE)

1. Are you aware of the building committee's work?

		Count	Percent
1	Yes	544	50%
2	No	142	13%
3	Somewhat	395	37%
Total Responses		1081	
Did not answer this Question		7	
Non Scannable or readable		23	
Total Surveys Sent Back		1111	

2. How important is it for you to have current and future information of the project sent to you?

		Count	Percent
1	Very Important	459	43%
2	Somewhat Important	249	23%
3	Important	325	29%
4	Not Important	49	4%
Total Responses		1082	

3. Are you aware or have read the "Statement of Needs" which outlines the primary reasons for taking action of the Farmington High School building project, and the decision to build new on the existing site?

		Count	Percent
1	Yes	662	62%
2	No	168	16%
3	Somewhat	246	23%
Total Responses		1076	

4. Have you been to the Building Committee's website to view the architect's schematic and comments?

		Count	Percent
1	Yes	394	38%
2	No	631	62%
Total Responses		1025	

5a. We would like to know your priorities for the H.S. Project to focus on: **Current facilities limitations and issues**

		Count	Percent
1	High Priority	412	40%
2	2	210	21%
3	3	152	15%
4	4	86	8%
5	5	56	6%
6	Low Priority	99	10%
Total Responses		1015	

**5b. We would like to know your priorities for the H.S. Project to focus on: Enhancing current educational programming**

		Count	Percent
1	High Priority	354	35%
2	2	225	22%
3	3	188	18%
4	4	106	10%
5	5	67	7%
6	Low Priority	93	9%
Total Responses		1033	

**5c. We would like to know your priorities for the H.S. Project to focus on: Improving the learning environment**

		Count	Percent
1	High Priority	401	38%
2	2	247	24%
3	3	186	17%
4	4	100	9%
5	5	40	4%
6	Low Priority	89	8%
Total Responses		1063	

**5d. We would like to know your priorities for the H.S. Project to focus on: Improving the school non classroom facilities**

		Count	Percent
1	High Priority	247	22%
2	2	240	23%
3	3	220	21%
4	4	154	15%
5	5	87	9%
6	Low Priority	106	10%
Total Responses		1054	

**5e. We would like to know your priorities for the H.S. Project to focus on: Security and safety**

		Count	Percent
1	High Priority	471	46%
2	2	202	20%
3	3	174	17%
4	4	89	9%
5	5	44	5%
6	Low Priority	47	4%
Total Responses		1027	



**5f. We would like to know your priorities for the H.S. Project to focus on: Flexible and adaptable spaces for community use**

		Count	Percent
1	High Priority	155	15%
2	2	186	18%
3	3	250	24%
4	4	171	16%
5	5	135	13%
6	Low Priority	159	15%
Total Responses		1056	

**5g. We would like to know your priorities for the H.S. Project to focus on: Cost and tax**

		Count	Percent
1	High Priority	639	58%
2	2	172	16%
3	3	95	10%
4	4	66	6%
5	5	45	4%
6	Low Priority	70	6%
Total Responses		1087	

**5h. We would like to know your priorities for the H.S. Project to focus on: Other**

		Count	Percent
1	High Priority	95	66%
2	2	18	13%
3	3	6	4%
4	4	4	3%
5	5	0	0%
6	Low Priority	20	14%
Total Responses		143	

**6. How are you getting information for the H.S. project?**

<b>(Top 3 in yellow)</b>		Count	Percent
1	Town meetings (Building Committee, Board of Education or Town Council)	146	6%
2	School District Newsletter	550	23%
3	Social Media	109	5%
4	Building committee website	191	8%
5	Town website	195	8%
6	Town newsletter	788	33%
7	Teacher or staff	54	2%
8	Newspaper	172	7%
9	Word of mouth from friends or neighbors	248	11%
10	Other	67	3%

Multiple selections responses	2520	
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**7a. How would you like to get information for the H.S. project? Town Meetings**

		Count	Percent
1	High Preference	60	13%
2	2	36	8%
3	3	79	17%
4	4	51	11%
5	5	70	16%
6	6	42	11%
7	7	28	6%
8	8	18	4%
9	9	16	4%
10	Low Preference	50	12%
Total Responses		450	

**7b. How would you like to get information for the H.S. project? School District Newsletter**

		Count	Percent
1	High Preference	299	42%
2	2	164	23%
3	3	91	12%
4	4	34	4%
5	5	27	4%
6	6	14	2%
7	7	11	2%
8	8	14	2%
9	9	14	2%
10	Low Preference	54	8%
Total Responses		722	

**7c. How would you like to get information for the H.S. project? Social Media**

		Count	Percent
1	High Preference	62	16%
2	2	33	9%
3	3	40	11%
4	4	20	5%
5	5	34	9%
6	6	36	9%
7	7	20	5%
8	8	28	8%
9	9	32	8%
10	Low Preference	80	23%
Total Responses		385	

**7d. How would you like to get information for the H.S. project? Building committee website**

		Count	Percent
1	High Preference	91	18%
2	2	84	17%
3	3	109	22%
4	4	64	14%
5	5	31	7%
6	6	26	6%
7	7	18	4%
8	8	17	4%
9	9	10	2%
10	Low Preference	39	8%
Total Responses		489	

**7e. How would you like to get information for the H.S. project? Town website**

		Count	Percent
1	High Preference	124	23%
2	2	133	25%
3	3	86	16%
4	4	48	9%
5	5	50	9%
6	6	20	4%
7	7	13	2%
8	8	12	2%
9	9	12	2%
10	Low Preference	31	6%
Total Responses		529	

**7f. How would you like to get information for the H.S. project? Town newsletter**

		Count	Percent
1	High Preference	492	57%
2	2	151	17%
3	3	69	8%
4	4	21	2%
5	5	28	3%
6	6	9	1%
7	7	5	1%
8	8	10	1%
9	9	8	1%
10	Low Preference	76	9%
Total Responses		869	

**7g. How would you like to get information for the H.S. project? Teacher or staff**

		Count	Percent
1	High Preference	30	10%
2	2	12	4%
3	3	16	5%
4	4	14	4%
5	5	16	5%
6	6	20	6%
7	7	37	12%
8	8	41	13%
9	9	37	12%
10	Low Preference	89	29%
Total Responses		312	

**7h. How would you like to get information for the H.S. project? Newspaper**

		Count	Percent
1	High Preference	64	15%
2	2	42	10%
3	3	73	17%
4	4	21	5%
5	5	29	7%
6	6	34	8%
7	7	29	7%
8	8	49	11%
9	9	29	7%
10	Low Preference	60	14%
Total Responses		430	

**7i. How would you like to get information for the H.S. project? Word of mouth from friends or neighbors**

		Count	Percent
1	High Preference	24	7%
2	2	16	5%
3	3	24	7%
4	4	11	3%
5	5	14	4%
6	6	20	6%
7	7	30	9%
8	8	36	11%
9	9	62	19%
10	Low Preference	96	27%
Total Responses		333	

7j. How would you like to get information for the H.S. project? **Other**

		Count	Percent
1	High Preference	43	26%
2	2	19	13%
3	3	17	12%
4	4	3	1%
5	5	5	4%
6	6	3	2%
7	7	3	2%
8	8	4	3%
9	9	5	4%
10	Low Preference	53	36%
Total Responses		155	

8. How many years have you lived in Farmington?

		Count	Percent
1	Less than 3 years	86	7%
2	4 to 10 years	168	15%
3	11-20 years	227	20%
4	More than 20 years	648	58%
Total Responses		1129	

9. Do you?

		Count	Percent
1	Own your home	995	95%
2	Rent your home	49	5%
Total Responses		1044	

10. Current employment status:

		Count	Percent
1	Work full or part time	575	51%
2	Full and part-time student	3	0%
3	Retired	490	45%
4	Not currently working	23	2%
5	Stay at home parent	23	2%
Total Responses		1114	

11. Do you currently have a child or children that attend Farmington Public Schools?

		Count	Percent
1	Yes	239	23%
2	No	817	77%
Total Responses		1056	

### 11. Grades

		Count	Percent
1	Pre-K	38	8%
2	1	19	5%
3	2	28	6%
4	3	32	8%
5	4	36	8%
6	5	42	9%
7	6	48	11%
8	7	31	7%
9	8	35	8%
10	9	32	7%
11	10	35	8%
12	11	37	8%
13	12	32	7%
Total Responses		445	

### 11. Other

		Count	Percent
1	Private (Prep or religious)	22	65%
2	Out of district (Trade/technical, magnet, regional)	6	18%
3	Other (tutored, home schooled, etc.)	6	18%
Total Responses		34	

**A total of 177 comments represents 16.2% response rate of the 1111 survey returns**

**Positive Comments**

1. Doing everything we can to help kids.
2. Fix the schools to improve property values, town reputation.
3. Better looking. The comment proposal is insipid and dated.
4. Completing this project without more delays.
5. Improves image of the town and is timely
6. I moved to Farmington 40+ years ago specifically for the excellent schools. My 5 children are grown and received an excellent education. Important an excellent school system is good for property values.
7. Very necessary project! Good job and good luck!
8. "New" facility is the right approach!
9. Although I am a renter, I believe this is important for the well-being of the community!
10. 2 children pre-school age appreciate the work you are doing for their education.
11. As my husband and I and our two children are graduates of FHS it is time for anew build - no more patching and making do.
12. Keep up the good work!
13. I have total confidence in the committee and school/town officials doing the right thing. Clearly a new school is required!
14. Both my kids through the HS. Was in rough shape 10 years ago. A new one is needed.
15. having a new school is important for the safety and emotional well-being of children. They need to feel secure and have resources available with a building up to code. Thanks.
16. Should not be taking this long - Build larger to account for growth/choose best choice and begin construction. Thank you for all your efforts!
17. Building Committee keep up the great work and dedication!
18. Thanks for your hard work. We can't be a great town without a great high school.
19. Fully support and appreciate your work.
20. Our kids are in college but as homeowners and community members value education.
21. Thank you for your hard work and perseverance!
22. Soon we will have grandchildren entering the school system and it's important to preserve the integrity/quality of our educational system that have served our children so well.
23. Thank you!
24. No children but niece and nephew and husband attended. We need a new, safe facility.
25. My 2 children went through FPS and I would want other children to benefit as mine did.
26. My 3 boys graduate from FHS. Great school system keeps up the great work.
27. My 3 children graduated years ago FHS was a terrific education. Thank you!
28. Good luck with the project and thanks for keeping us informed.
29. Nice job, thank you for your work, and please keep at it
30. Overall, compared to other schools, FHS has a great learning environment and programs. Though I understand the need for safety and accessibility.
31. As an educator I feel investing in our children's education is very important!
32. We appreciate all your hard work and the extra communication. Hope it all comes together, just need to be mindful of costs, especially now.
33. At last, way past time, but will miss seeing the old high school on the hill with the letters on the hillside.
34. Current HS obsolete - sprawling, etc. Pandemic has helped to focus on better planning.

**Specific Questions**

1. What is the projected future student population in Farmington at the elementary, middle and high schools?
2. When would be the start and completion dates?
3. How long is the project construction duration?
4. What will be the construction schedule and how soon can it be completed?
5. Can we see the cost for the building?

6. What is the time line of the project will be completed once approved? Most importantly, when/how much will my taxes increases is crucial information?
7. As a senior citizen, can I reduce or eliminate my tax contribution into this project?
8. How much & will the state give? Will there be a mill rate group increase?
9. Will there be Adequate technology & craft facilities, online learning in academic subjects
10. Will project oversight manage quality of work and protection of materials from theft?
11. How disruptive for current students?
12. What would be the disruption to students and staff during construction?
13. How do you plan to deal with traffic, construction noise and timeline?
14. What will be the road & parking circulation/convenience?
15. I am not knowledgeable enough to prioritize old vs. new.
16. Remote learning may be a big part of education in the future. How does a new bldg. and cost play into that?
17. Why no indoor swimming pool?
18. Will there be a pool?
19. Why this wasn't planned years ago?
20. What happens to the existing H.S. building?
21. Are there alternative proposals?
22. What are the enrollment projections?
23. Is there a student growth model (demographics by years)?
24. Is there a future decline in student population?
25. Will there be adequate elevators for the three story building?
26. What is the Impact on surrounding neighborhood?
27. What is the building maintenance plan?
28. Will there be Wi-Fi availability?
29. What is the status of accreditation?
30. How will accreditation be affected?
31. What is the Impact to current student?

### **Covid, Security, ADA and Safety**

1. COVID protections for future.
2. Flexibility due to COVID.
3. Addressing COVID-19
4. Current HS obsolete - sprawling, etc. Pandemic has helped to focus on better planning.
5. Post pandemic reassess facility needs.
6. ADA compliance.
7. FHS should be, needs to be ADA compliant.
8. Security, safety planning
9. Space for personal disabilities.
10. Need special education classrooms.
11. Take care of special ed
12. As somebody involved in the maker community & who has worked with the disabled, I know how important it is for public facilities to fully accommodate both groups.
13. The proposed new 3-story building design is more dangerous than the existing mostly 1 story building. First, handicap people cannot evacuate downstairs safely during a fire. Second, FHS admin and law enforcement recommend "run hide fight" in case of school violence. More difficult to run and hide in the proposed compact 3-story building with limited exits than existing facility. Third, the multi-level atrium is dangerous because children might throw objects (books) off the atrium which will injure children. There is also a greater risk that adolescent and impulsive children may jump or throw others off the atrium in a fight.



## Recommendations and General Comments

1. Make it an energy efficient facility.
2. Make it Energy efficiency.
3. Modern infrastructure electric/energy efficient.
4. "Green" construction/energy
5. Use solar - school should have been torn down years ago - All the band aids just cost money and were useless.
6. Build a new HS in the Town Forrest.
7. New site needed - same site is terrible.
8. Save original historic building.
9. Use existing building.
10. Ability to maintain high level of education.
11. Retention and improve Graduation ratio
12. Expanding non-classroom facilities for use by public.
13. Need robotics space
14. Involve students/recent alums in planning.
15. Very specifically, music program/auditorium.
16. Update Auditorium
17. Music department, auditorium, and library are outgrown and need to be remediated
18. Tech Ed space - not all kids go to college.
19. Teach kids how to survive in life. Accounting, cooking, politics, etc.
20. More educational & creative, LESS emphasis on sports.
21. Want culinary program restored - best class yet for my boys!
22. Have "major issues" caused drop in SAT's, Student Tests, College Admissions
23. Ability to maintain/improve educational reputation to positively impact property values & impact my taxes.
24. Don't make a castle or prison out of it.
25. We already have senior center, town hall, libraries to provide spaces.
26. Plannable spaces #1 messed up on answering
27. Town meeting place
28. We need to invite other students not just white; we live in a multicultural society & need to invite others in.
29. The current building is dysfunctional. It must be totally replaced.
30. Minimal disruption to current students
31. When you promote the project to the community, please highlight the infrastructure and safety issues vs. 21st century learning
32. Environmental impact of construction needs to be a focus. Exhaust change to landscape - ALL IMPORTANT.
33. Spell out consequences of deferring the project.
34. If possible, incorporate iconic profile/façade elements into finished design.
35. My siblings and I attended Farmington schools as did my children.
36. Improve Town BOE website.
37. AD HOC team are not elected officials who can dictate what the town needs BS.
38. Cycling and Pedestrian routes to & from school; cycling infrastructure around school.
39. A well designed & functional building - NOT an architectural monument to the design firm.
40. Rebuild Irving Robbins
41. This is a poorly designed survey, so you won't be able to analyze it properly. The ranking questions are not clear! On a paper survey, directions need to be clear. Ranking is a poor way to ask questions.
42. Stop this project! Resume it only when CT is opened up 100%. Bad for community otherwise
43. Education does not improve because of new or old building.
44. Apartment people fill our schools
45. Do not have children
46. Resale value of my home. Too late for the kids but get this done.
47. Modification, not new facility.
48. No need for BOE space.

## Cost and Taxes

1. I'm disabled on a low income; I'd really want to know how much it will affect me in taxes.
2. Impact on seniors' taxes who do not benefit by this but pay higher taxes to support, while apartment dwelling families do not pay taxes
3. Too much taxation for seniors.
4. Keep costs down; Raise taxes - limit.
5. In this time period people are not getting a lot of income and the 1st priority is our needs also such as paying the bills for food, taxes, heat, etc. Many are not able to pay taxes etc. because of the pandemic situation. This will be very hard for people and many will be having a hard time just surviving in this terrible period of time we are in and what they would like to do is just not possible without their prior income and jobs.
6. School tax per student not all community.
7. Knowing why it will cost us this much, I would like to see the breakdown.
8. Do not raise taxes.
9. Save our money please.
10. Estimated cost of increased taxes per household to pay for this and other options.
11. Please do not raise our taxes.
12. Price unaffordable.
13. Tax to homeowners.
14. This is simply too expensive.
15. Cost for eliminating old building and cost of replacing sports fields. Tax freeze for fixed income residents.
16. Financially inappropriate at this time in U.S.
17. No children/ cost is high priority.
18. People over 65 should be taxed at a rate way lower than other homeowners. Single people should be taxed less as well.
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21. Stop wasting money - people are unemployed and the kids aren't in school.
22. Estimated cost of increased taxes per household to pay for this and other options.
23. Cost should be proportionate to recent high school projects for similar sized municipalities across the U.S.
24. Funding for FHS is a concern
25. I'm concerned about my tax going up. Can't afford to pay more.
26. Retired, I don't have a computer due to costs.
27. Stop wasting spending.
28. The value of our young people and education. Also worried about me 85yrs old and taxes.
29. I do not think we need a new building. The old one worked well for my kids.
30. Future needs, Taxes and smaller student population
31. Professional Fiduciary Engineer to get better quotes the project. You pay way too much for everything.
32. Concern about taxes going up.
33. Project to expensive!!!
34. Very concerned on tax issue. Fixed income a real concern.
35. Committee members, your irresponsibility is outrageous! How am I supposed to pay these additional taxes? I have never had children in the Farmington School System, despite my having paid for others' children for 50 years. I am sick of it. Start charging parents tuition, they are receiving the benefit, not me. I have news for you. "Higher taxes mean higher deficits." And lower taxes to equate to higher property values. This is what I learned in my MBA classes. where did you go to school?
36. Not enough communication. Cost is too high.
37. Let's have an extra tax for families with kids in school. Too many move to Farmington demand all sorts of changes for the school age kids & in 12-14 years they are all gone. It's like an extended stay to use the schools. We change for parking permits why not drop off & pick-up kids. There are many ways to generate money to pay for it. You people seem smart, let's get creative. Also please publish the complaints from real Native Americans in our community that wanted the mascot changed.

38. It looks lively to have a new school but the cost in view of income of Farmington is way too high. Concern for security and safety - there will be more pandemics - school classrooms help but it is the teachers that provide the learning.
39. Retired residents should be given tax credits to lessen the financial impact of this project.
40. Try not to hike taxes too much that people can't afford to buy or keep the house in Farmington.
41. Let those who have children in the school system pay at a higher mill rate than those without kids. It'll cost taxpayers extra with high mill rate. We never had kids, but yet we have to pay for everyone else.
42. Don't spend \$10 million to preserve the 1928 building.
43. 105-110M is a steep price tag. Reconsider lowering it
44. Not a good time for a new FHS, with virus people are losing jobs, businesses, homes and lives. Previous additions should be 3 stories. Last addition is paid for yet. Attendance is down.
45. Because of the economy, many people are (**can't read the rest of the comment**)
46. This survey is extremely misleading. We do not want taxes increased in Farmington, CT.
47. It was voted down a few years ago and what I can see is this will keep being voted until its finally approved. This will increase the Town residents' taxes which are already high.
48. Please keep costs down! We can have a wonderful school without spending a fortune!
49. This committee needs another approach... Like the competition to create the Vietnam Memorial. Cost over runs are likely to put this out of reach.
50. My vote on referendum and representatives will be based on taxes. Please try to replace large commercial taxpayers.
51. While probably needed, the cost is rather inappropriate at this time, due to our current country's condition and taxpayers.
52. Please do not come up with a financing schedule like last time. Try some grants or bonds to defray some of the costs
53. Given all economic changes going on, I believe we should reconsider alternatives to a new building.
54. Throwing money away after all, there was a renovation that consumed a lot of money not long ago. Now in pandemic where residents have lost their jobs and it's hard to have a city has plans to build instead of helping residents?

# Budget Review

February 2021 (Budget in Millions):

	Feb 2020 original	May 2020 adjusted	Feb 2021 Rate adjusted	
			900 Wing	New Bldg
1. Arch./Eng. Design Fee	\$ 5.7	\$ 5.7	\$ .3	\$ 5.3
2. Professional Fees	\$ 3.0	\$ 3.0	\$ .1	\$ 2.8
3. Construction Costs	\$ 120.6	\$ 117.0	\$ 5.1	\$ 110.7
4. Alternates	\$ 0	\$ 0		\$ 0
5. FF&E and Technology	\$ 5.6	\$ 5.1	\$ .2	\$ 4.9
6. Owner Contingency (5%)	\$ 7.1	\$ 6.5	\$ .3	\$ 6.1
<b>7. Grand Total</b>	<b>\$ 142.0</b>	<b>\$ 137.3</b>	<b>\$ 6.0</b>	<b>\$ 129.8</b>
8. Est. State Reimbursement	- 28.0	- 27.5	-1.7	- 24.6
<b>9. Net Town Share</b>	<b>\$ 114.0</b>	<b>\$ 109.8</b>	<b>\$ 4.3</b>	<b>\$ 105.2</b>
			<b>\$ 109.5</b>	

On February 4, 2020:

<b>10. Target Net Town Share</b>		<b>\$105 to \$110</b>
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# Budget Review

February 2021 WORKING DOCUMENT

	<u>MAY 2020</u>	<u>FEB 2021</u>		
		900 Wing	New Building	
BUDGET ITEMS		4.36%		
1 ARCH./Eng. Design Fees	\$ 5,700,000	\$ 248,000	\$ 5,452,000	
			\$ (100,000)	A/E Design Fee Reduction
2 Professional Fees	\$ 3,000,000	\$ 131,000	\$ 2,869,000	
			\$ (100,000)	Professional Fee Reduction
3 Construction Costs	\$ 117,000,000	\$ 5,096,000	\$ 111,904,000	\$ 115,815,130
				<b>PROPOSED ADD ALTERNATES</b>
			\$ (351,590)	Antigraffiti Sealer
			\$ (449,280)	Vert. Alum. Sunshades
			\$ (320,000)	Wood Acoust. Tile at Atrium
			\$ (64,000)	Other Signage/Graphic
4 Alternates	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
5 FFE & Technology	\$ 5,100,000	\$ 222,000	\$ 4,878,000	
6 Owners Contingency (5%)	\$ 6,500,000	\$ 284,850	\$ 6,185,906	
7 Grand Total	\$ 137,300,000	\$ 5,981,850	\$ 129,904,036	\$ 135,885,886
8 Est. State Reimb	\$ (27,460,000)	\$ (1,730,549)	28.93% \$ (24,590,834)	18.93% \$ (26,321,383)
9 Net Share to Town	\$ 109,840,000	\$ 4,251,301	\$ 105,313,202	\$ 109,564,503