

Minutes
Farmington High School Building Committee
Communications Subcommittee
Farmington High School Library/ZOOM Webinar
May 11, 2022
4:00 P.M.

Attendees:

Meg Guerrera
Wendy Ku
Beth Kintner
Ira Yellen
Scott Hurwitz (via Zoom)
Kat Krajewski
Devon Aldave
Mark Garilli

A. Call to Order.

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 P.M.

B. Minutes.

1) To approve the attached minutes from the April 27, 2022 meeting.

Upon a motion made and seconded (Guerrera/Ku) it was unanimously VOTED: to approve the minutes from the April 27, 2022 meeting.

C. FHSBC Website Updates.

Kat Krajewski reported that the Project Cost page on the website was updated to include a narrative breakdown of the budget. Construction Solutions Group is compiling a master list of all VE items discussed throughout the project's history.

Kat stated that clarifying language will be provided on the Project Cost page regarding the updated State reimbursement percentage.

D. FHSBC Newsletter Updates.

Ira Yellen, Tall Timbers Marketing, presented updated content for the FHSBC Newsletter. This document is recorded with these minutes as Attachment A.

E. Other Business.

The subcommittee discussed a community meeting on June 2nd. The committee will give a presentation, followed by a question-and-answer session. The subcommittee will make this meeting the focus of their next meeting.

Scott Hurwitz stated that the FHS faculty will be giving presentations to students regarding changes for the next school year due to the construction site. He will follow up with more presentations for parents at the end of the summer.

F. Adjournment.

Upon a motion made and seconded (Guerrera/Ku) it was unanimously VOTED: to adjourn at 4:52 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Devon Aldave
Clerk of the Committee

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- Update from Building Chair:

With the completion and approval of the site plan, the Farmington High School Building Committee remains focused on the detailed building design in preparation for construction to begin this fall. The Building Committee is working collaboratively with town and district representatives as well as our professional partners to carefully balance cost and design in this very challenging market. We are excited to see the preliminary building design transform into a detailed and robust representation of the future-forward educational facility our community needs. We are committed to sharing our progress and will continue to update our website and distribute newsletters highlighting critical information. Our ground-breaking ceremony is sure to be an exciting event, celebrating both the work to date and the work ahead. We appreciate your continued engagement throughout this important community project.

- Community Meeting Live and Remote: June 2 at the H.S
- Site Map
- Schematic of Entrance (using same design and format from last newsletter)

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Q & A

- **What will the final outside and inside design look like? And when will it be available for the community to see it?**

The design team is currently working on construction documents, which are required to be finalized before the project is put out to bid fall 2022. Once these documents are complete, which is scheduled for Summer 2022, internal and external renderings will be updated and published on the FHSBC's website.

- **What are the planned-on site activities for 2022 summer and fall?**

Early Enabling Phase (Prepping the site for construction of the new H.S.)

The Early Enabling Phase of the project is scheduled to begin in July 2022. This phase will consist of preliminary sitework, installing the construction fence for safety and security, and the construction of the temporary parking lot. The FHS Building Committee found value in completing these items over the summer before school starts, so there is no student disruption and new traffic patterns are established for the first day.

- **How will access and other issues to the high school be addressed during the construction?**

A construction fence will clearly separate the current high school from the building site. This fence will be installed as part of the Early Enabling Phase in Summer 2022. The current high school will continue to be occupied until construction is complete in 2024. Traffic patterns and parking will be modified as needed during construction.

A temporary parking lot will recuperate most, but not all parking spots that are lost in the construction area and will be available for student parking and event parking. Student safety, ease of access, and smooth circulation are priorities for the FHS Building Committee, and the committee is working closely with Farmington High School staff and the Farmington Police Department to implement and communicate these changes to the community before the start of school.

- **Given that the cost and access to materials have risen, how that affected the cost that was approved by the community in June 2021?**

Throughout each phase of the FHS Building Project (schematic design, enhanced schematic design, design development, and construction documents), the professional partnership team conducts periodic cost estimates based on current and unpredictable materials and labor conditions. The professional

partners (architects, construction team, and project managers) do their own cost estimates, then reconcile the differences to come up with an accurate estimate.

The FHS Building Committee then approves any value engineering (VE) that is required to bring the costs back to the original budget. This exercise was recently completed in May of 2022 after the design development phase. The updated cost estimate that was approved is \$_____ below the original budget.

More information regarding the budget, and the committee's process can be found on the project website, www.fhsbuildingproject.org.

- What is the status of Farmington's reimbursement rate from the State of Connecticut?**
 In the 2022 Legislative Session, Farmington's legislative delegation worked hard to increase Farmington's reimbursement rate to 30% for both the new high school and the renovation of the "900 wing." Out total expected reimbursement rate from the State of Connecticut is \$40.6M, which is \$14.4M more than we anticipated we would receive at the time of our referendum in June 2021.
- Is there a date for the groundbreaking in the fall 2022?**
 A groundbreaking ceremony is in the planning stages for October 2022, when the construction on the high school building is expected to begin. More information about the groundbreaking ceremony will be included in our Fall newsletter.

Anticipated Timeline as of March 2022	
Design and Approvals	July 2021 – July 2022
Bidding and Awards to Subcontractors and Early Enabling Phase (Site/Traffic/Parking Work)	July 2022 – September 2022
Phase I – Construction of New High School Building	September 2022 – August 2024
Phase II – Renovation of Central Office/Locker Rooms & Demolition of Current High School Building (Does not include 1928 Building)	June 2024 – July 2025
Phase III – Site Work	January 2025 – June 2025
*We anticipate students will be attending the new high school in Fall 2024	

Add Anticipated Groundbreaking October 2022

Building Committee Members

Voting Members

- Meg Guerrera, Chair
- Johnny Carrier, Town Council Member
- Sarah Healey, Board of Education Member
- Chris Fagan, Town Resident
- Michael Smith, Town Resident
- Wendy Ku, Town Resident
- Suraj Kurtakoti, Town Resident

Non-Voting Members

- Beth Kintner, Board of Education Liaison
- Kathleen Blonski, Town Manager
- Kathleen Greider, Superintendent of Schools
- Scott Hurwitz, High School Principal
- Alicia Bowman, Assistant Superintendent of Finance & Operation
- Kathryn Krajewski, Assistant Town Manager
- Sam Kilpatrick, School Director of Facilities
- Devon Aldave, Clerk of the Building Committee
- Other Town and Board of Education Staff as needed

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Building Committee Dates and time through 2022

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