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Minutes
Farmington High School Building Committee
Communications Subcommittee
Monday, May 1, 2017

Present:

Kathy Eagen, Town Manager
William Wadsworth, FHS Building Committee Chair
Jean Baron, Subcommittee Member
Mecheal Hamilton, Subcommittee Member
Kathryn Howroyd, Management Specialist
Marc Sklenka, Colliers International
Suzy Schuck, Kaestle Boos Associates

A. Call to Order.

The meeting was called to order at 8:34a.m.

B. Public Comment.

None.

C. To approve the attached March 3, 2017 minutes.

Upon a motion made and seconded (Hamilton/Wadsworth) it was unanimously VOTED: to approve the March 3, 2017 minutes.

D. To review and approve various marketing materials.

The subcommittee reviewed the draft newsletter for the FHS Building Project and confirmed the message matches the statement of needs. They suggested the following modifications:

- Prioritize bullet points & make auditorium issues its own bullet point
- Confirm correct information for the building size
- Revise site plan- text is not legible; only label new building, existing fields and 1928 building.
- Reorder and highlight key words in the new building highlights section
- Spell out all acronyms
- Add "expected" to cost overview (i.e. Less expected State reimbursement)

The subcommittee also reviewed renderings provided by Kaestle Boos to use for the newsletter/community outreach events.

E. Other Business.

None.

F. Adjournment.

Upon a motion made and seconded (Hamilton/Baron) the meeting adjourned at 9:57 a.m.

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Respectfully Submitted,

Kathryn Howroyd
Management Specialist

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PROJECT OVERVIEW

The Farmington Town Council established the Farmington High School (FHS) Building Committee in January 2016 to resolve deficiencies in the high school identified by the Board of Education through several studies and reports. After reviewing multiple conceptual designs, the FHS Building committee selected a new building as the option recommend to the Board of Education and Town Council. **This option meets the committee's Statement of Needs and is a comprehensive long-term solution to address the facility and educational needs.** A town-wide referendum is expected in June 2017.

Farmington High School isn't just our Town's flagship school. FHS is in many ways the center of Farmington- a place where students become graduates while forming lasting bonds with the community. The FHS Building Committee believes that the FHS Building Project will enable Farmington High School to remain center of excellence in education for the students of today and tomorrow.

WHY DO WE NEED A NEW BUILDING?

- Farmington High School does not meet numerous state and federal codes including the American with Disabilities Act (ADA Accessibility)
- The New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) placed FHS on *warning* for one of the accreditation standards due to facility and space issues that constrain the implementation of curriculum and instruction and lack of full compliance with state and federal laws related to the FHS facility
- Lack of collaborative work spaces to support curriculum, instruction and programming
- Undersized spaces including the auditorium, cafeteria, media center, and some science classrooms
- Security issues due to amount of entry points, a lack of public/private separation, sightlines and lighting
- Non-efficient and aging HVAC, mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems which are at the end of their useful life
- Building envelope and insulation are insufficient causing indoor temperatures to fluctuate with a lack of reliable heat as well as excessively warm learning spaces throughout the school year



Diagram shows multiple renovations/additions from 1952-2003

- Sprawling facility due to multiple additions since 1928 does not align to or fully support existing and future curriculum, instruction and programming
- One story layout creates inefficient student traffic flow during the school day
- Lack of ADA accessibility to athletic fields

WHAT DO WE GET WITH A NEW BUILDING?

COST OVERVIEW

In addition to addressing the infrastructure and facility deficiencies at FHS, the new building is designed to support a collaborative, rigorous and innovative education for which Farmington Public Schools are known. Highlights of the new building include:

Building Size:

- School: 239,273 sq. ft.
 - Board of Education: 9,744 sq. ft.
- Existing Building Renovation: 2%**
New Construction: 98%

- The new auditorium's seating capacity will increase from 500 to 650 to allow for two full grades to access programming at the same time.
- The enlarged cafeteria will allow for fewer lunch waves and students will no longer have to eat lunch at 10:00 a.m.
- The academic areas of the building will include multiple flexible learning spaces that will promote collaboration among students and teachers.
- The reconfigured gymnasium and auxiliary gymnasium layout will create an enlarged performance and assembly space.
- The new studio theater space will enhance opportunities for instruction and performance in the dramatic arts.
- The new parent drop-off and pick-up location will reduce traffic congestion in the parking lot.
- The new library/media center will include designated spaces for both collaborative and individual study.
- The new Robotics classroom and workspace will bring this award-winning student program to the main FHS campus.
- The enlarged Applied Arts workspaces will provide increased opportunities for students to learn advanced technical skills in construction and transportation.
- The enlarged Special Education classroom area will include dedicated space for physical and occupational therapy for students requiring these services.
- The new main office will consolidate administration, attendance, and reception in an easily accessible location that also provides secure entry to the school.
- The enlarged science and engineering labs and Maker Space will provide enhanced opportunities for STEM education.

Although the full design and construction cost must be appropriated by the Town via the referendum, the actual cost to Farmington's taxpayers will be reduced by State reimbursement.

Total Project Cost for Referendum Question	\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$
Less State Reimbursement	\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$
Local Share Remaining	\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$



FHS BUILDING PROJECT TIMELINE	
2013-2016	FHS FACILITY STUDIES, REVIEWS AND REPORTS
2016	The Farmington Town Council established the FHS Building Committee in January 2016. The FHS Building Committee hired a team of consultants to assist in the development of conceptual options that meet the Statement of Needs and the committee's charge.
2017	After reviewing multiple concept design options and cost estimates, the FHS Building Committee voted to recommend the new building option to the Board of Education and Town Council for approval.
June 2017	Expected Town Referendum
2017-2018	Project Design Phase
2018-2022	Project Construction Phase

IMPORTANT DATES

- MAY 22, 2017 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING:
APPROVAL OF SCHEMATIC DRAWINGS & PROJECT COST ESTIMATE
- MAY 23, 2017 TOWN COUNCIL MEETING:
APPROVAL OF SCHEMATIC DRAWINGS & PROJECT COST ESTIMATE
SET A SPECIAL TOWN MEETING & REFERENDUM
REFER THE PROJECT TO TOWN PLAN & ZONING COMMISSION FOR A REPORT UNDER C.G.S § 8-24
- JUNE 5, 2017 EXPECTED SPECIAL TOWN MEETING