

## **Barrington School Committee Meeting with the Barrington Middle School Building Committee January 11, 2016**

The Barrington School Committee met with the Barrington Middle School Building Committee in open session on Monday, January 11, 2016 in the Barrington Middle School Library. School Committee Chair Kate Brody called the School Committee meeting to order at 7:07 p.m. Present were Mrs. Brody, Mrs. Clancy, Mr. Guida, Mr. Messore and Mr. Tarro. Absent were Mr. Alessandro and Dr. Shea.

The purpose of the joint meeting was to receive a report from Kaestle Boos Associates, Inc. (KBA) on two updated options for the Barrington Middle School building project, including but not limited to a new building and major renovations with addition.

Mr. Larry Trim, Project Manager for KBA, reviewed the timeline for the process including upcoming presentations to the Barrington Town Council on February 1, 2016 and the Barrington School Committee on February 11, 2016. Mr. Trim noted that the updated options, based on guidance provided by the Building Committee and School Committee at the December 14, 2015 meeting, included a site plan for a new two story building and a site plan for a two story building with major renovations and an addition. Mr. Trim confirmed that safe pedestrian and bicycle routes to school were included in both options as improvements.

The site plan for a new two story building includes the following highlights:

- A longer elevation at Middle Highway and a shorter elevation on Lincoln Avenue
- Flexibility for evolution of the traffic circulation over time with entrances on Middle Highway and on Lincoln Avenue
- Three full size soccer fields
- 100 parking spaces
- Efficient utilization of programmatic component space

The site plan for a two story building with major renovations and an addition includes the following highlights:

- Flexibility in traffic circulation relative to drop off options for students pending a shift in bus ridership with stacking accommodation for nine buses; entrances will be on Middle Highway and on Lincoln Avenue
- Timeline for building phasing may have an impact on teaching and learning factors with the potential need for modular housing
- Construction zones shift during phases would mandate a shift in traffic circulation throughout the major renovation/addition process, anticipated to add approximately one year to the timeline

The Building Committee provided the following feedback to KBA relative to the two updated options: minimize non reimbursable factors and manage value proposition, consider the concerns of abutters relative to traffic circulation, preserve learning commons space for

functionality specific to programmatic teaching and learning needs, consider an increase in the number of spaces allotted for bicycles due to increased demand, consider right of way issues and maximize parking capacity.

Mr. Trim confirmed that, for both updated options, the north side of Lincoln Avenue would require a reconfiguration of existing traffic patterns, including consideration of a left turn pocket at the corner of Lincoln Avenue and Middle Highway with a traffic signal upgrade; the reconfiguration would not be eligible for housing aid reimbursement by the Rhode Island Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (RIDE) School Building Authority.

The Building Committee requested that KBA provide comparable data in summary form on the current and planned common spaces in the building.

Mr. Guida moved and Mrs. Clancy seconded the motion to adjourn the School Committee meeting at 9:10 p.m. The motion passed with Mrs. Brody, Mrs. Clancy and Mr. Guida voting in the affirmative for the motion.