

Barrington School Committee Meeting with the Barrington Middle School Building Committee January 20, 2016

The Barrington School Committee met with the Barrington Middle School Building Committee in open session on Wednesday, January 20, 2016 in the Barrington Middle School Library. School Committee Chair Kate Brody called the School Committee meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. Present were Mrs. Brody, Mrs. Clancy, Mr. Guida, Mr. Messori and Mr. Tarro. Absent were Mr. Alessandro and Dr. Shea.

Mrs. Brody welcomed members of the Barrington Town Council, the Town Manager and members of the Committee on Appropriations who were invited guests at the meeting.

The purpose of the joint meeting was to receive a report from Kaestle Boos Associates, Inc. (KBA) on an update and cost estimates on two options for the Barrington Middle School building project, including but not limited to a new building and major renovations with addition. The full project costs for the two options were not ready for introduction by KBA at the meeting, as clarification had been requested for the construction cost and project cost. KBA noted that initial estimates indicated that the cost for the renovation with addition option could cost \$6 - \$9 million more than the cost of new construction. KBA confirmed that the project costs estimates will be ready for presentation at the January 25, 2016 meeting.

Mr. Larry Trim, Project Manager for KBA, led the discussion relative to the modifications for the site plan and building plan for both options.

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

- Separate bus and parent drop-off points
- Increased parking space capacity projected to be ample for community and weekend use (150 parking spaces)
- Flexibility and movement opportunities for fields and tennis courts

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

- Two main entry points and alignment of both entrances with central core
- Two large spaces for bicycle racks
- Field space configurations to meet or exceed current field space

Mr. Trim confirmed that, for both updated options, there would be a significant reduction of existing traffic problems with the implementation of traffic improvements, including the expectation that the current off street parking would be pulled onto the site. The Building Committee confirmed its intent to include plans for an auditorium in both options, as there is a high level of community interest in use of the auditorium for after-hours community functions. The conceptual plans include 450 seats in a new auditorium and no change, with a major renovation and addition, in the current auditorium seating capacity of 230.

Mr. Trim noted that the timeline for new construction would be 24-30 months and that the timeline for the major renovation and addition option would be 30-36 months. The additional timeline for the major renovation and addition incorporates the anticipated need for temporary housing for students for a period of 2-2.5 years and would introduce the factor of a safety concern for students.

The Building Committee will receive full project cost estimates at the January 25 meeting prior to making a recommendation to the School Committee relative to a preferred option.

Mr. Guida moved and Mrs. Clancy seconded the motion to adjourn the School Committee meeting at 8:45p.m. The motion passed with Mrs. Brody, Mrs. Clancy and Mr. Guida voting in the affirmative for the motion.