

Barrington School Committee Meeting with the Barrington Middle School Building Committee October 13, 2015

The Barrington School Committee met with the Barrington Middle School Building Committee in open session on Tuesday, October 13, 2015 in the Barrington Middle School Library. School Committee Chair Kate Brody called the School Committee meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Present were Mrs. Brody, Mr. Alessandro, Mr. Guida, Mr. Messoro and Mr. Tarro. Absent was Dr. Shea.

The purpose of the joint meeting was to receive a report from Kaestle Boos Associates, Inc. relative to the Barrington Middle School Visioning Process for a 21st Century Middle School that had been held on September 16, September 17 and October 2, 2015. Educational Consultant Dr. Frank Locker served as facilitator for the three sessions.

Mr. Lawrence Trim, Project Manager, Kaestle Boos Associates, Inc. provided an overview of the Rhode Island Department of Education (RIDE) Necessity of School Construction Standards and Process. The sample Design Process with evaluations of accessibility, existing conditions and a code analysis was presented with an overview of the RIDE Stage I Application process.

Mr. Trim presented a synopsis of the Visioning Process for a 21st Century Middle School and reported that the following four learning modalities that had been prioritized during the Visioning Process: project based learning, interdisciplinary collaboration, small group work/student collaboration and blended/flipped learning. Specific spaces that had been identified as priorities for incorporation in the learning environment included space for 21st Century dining, interdisciplinary collaboration, student life and teacher support. Members of the School Committee and BMS Building Committee who had participated in the Visioning Process shared comments and feedback during Mr. Trim's presentation.

Mr. Trim reported on the outcome of the School Transformation and Development process map analysis and provided an overview of the next steps in the timeline for the RIDE School Building Authority process. The RIDE Stage II Application deadline is March 1, 2016.

Mr. Guida moved and Mr. Alessandro seconded the motion to adjourn the School Committee meeting at 8:20 p.m. Mrs. Brody, Mr. Alessandro and Mr. Guida voted in the affirmative for the motion.