

Barrington School Committee Meeting with the Barrington Middle School Building Committee December 14, 2015

The Barrington School Committee met with the Barrington Middle School Building Committee in open session on Monday, December 14, 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, Dr. Shea, Mr. Alessandro, Mr. Guida, Mr. Messoro and Mr. Tarro.

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

Mr. Larry Trim, Project Manager for KBA, previewed the space summary using the enrollment model of 900 students. Mr. Trim verified that the enrollment data is subject to change pending presentation of a report relative to the demographic plan by Cropper GIS.

The Building Committee provided KBA with the following guidance: consideration of site location for a two story building and location of the administration office in close proximity to students and common areas. The Building Committee requested confirmation that the Police and Fire Departments had been provided with the opportunity for input relative to safety and security issues. KBA confirmed that the Chief of Police and the Fire Chief had been included in the decision making process as part of the Collaborative for High Performance Schools (CHPS) program criteria.

Building Committee members provided the following feedback to KBA: a request for consideration of an improvement in efficiency of the building space, a request to ensure continuation of a focus on a building that is conducive to the 21st Century model of collaborative teaching and learning, including programming space, Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics (STEAM) curricula and learning commons, consideration of student circulation flow relative to the Cafeteria and consideration of the impact of the high open areas in learning commons space on annual operating costs of the building based on heat gain.

Mr. Guida moved and Mr. Alessandro seconded the motion to adjourn the School Committee meeting at 9:25 p.m. The motion passed with Mrs. Brody, Dr. Shea, Mr. Alessandro and Mr. Guida voting in the affirmative for the motion.