

School Building Committee Meeting Minutes

April 22, 2013 5:00 pm

Paul Revere Room Minuteman High School

Attendees: Ford Spaulding, Alice Deluca, Dana Ham, Peter Sugar, Bill Blake, Ernie Houle, Simon Bunyard, Carmin Reiss, Jack Weis, Donald Grose, Tony Lionetta, Mary Ann Williams (Skanska), Michael McKeon (Kaestle Boos), David Frizzell, Kevin Mahoney

The minutes of 4.8.13 were approved, with the correction to the spelling of Carmin Reiss's name.

Ford, Mary Ann and Kevin updated the committee on the MSBA kick-off meeting with the district. MSBA expressed willingness in being flexible in the schedule, recognizing that the district is moving on a parallel process with the Regional Agreement Amendment Subcommittee, as well as studying two enrollment numbers of 435 and 800 students. It was expressed to MSBA that with the development of the educational programs, evaluation of enrollment trends, and a analysis of the feasibility of expanding membership that it is evident that the enrollment number will fall somewhere within the two enrollment numbers with a concentration on in-district enrollment from within the current composition of the district. The basis on this assumption is further supported by the decision of the Commissioner of DESE to lower the maximum amount of Out-of-district tuition that can be charged by a receiving school from 150% of statewide vocational foundation per pupil costs to 125%. This change to reduce tuition rates will be phased in over a three year period effective FY14.

Ford discussed the upcoming schedule of work for the committee. Over the summer, enrollment studies and trends will be reviewed, and the educational plan development work will be done. In the fall we will begin the community input phase, where the district will reach out to our local officials as well as representatives in the educational community.

A suggestion was offered to post a summary of the MSBA kick-off meeting on the website. Mary Ann will follow-up.

There was discussion of the FEMA flood plain map being revised in Concord, and this was pointed out to alert our architect of possible updates to the maps in Lexington and Lincoln.

Ford proposed that the School Building Committee begin meeting monthly on the 3rd Monday of each month, beginning with the meeting of May 20th.

Mary Ann reviewed the timeline from the point of Preliminary Design Program to Preferred Schematic Report and identified the process to advance the project to hit those milestones. The committee was also reminded that the eligible cost per square foot under MSBA guidelines is \$275/sq. ft.

Ford reminded the committee of the need to support the legislation to increase the reimbursement rate for vocational-technical schools by an additional 20%. If additional communities do join the district, the reimbursement rate would increase another 5%. We need to ask our local officials to support this legislation.

MOTION to adjourn by Simon Bunyard, seconded by Carmin Reiss at 5:50pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for May 20, 2013 at 5:00.

Kevin F. Mahoney, Recorder