

The Facilities Subcommittee met on Thursday, April 25, 2024, in the Virtual Zoom Meeting. Present were Mike Judge, Jennifer Cullum, Sara Ahern, Chris Dwelley, Derek Osterman, Kevin Maxim, and Jen Kruczek.

Mr. Judge called the meeting to order at 8:05AM.

Approve Meeting Minutes

- Motion by Ms. Cullum, seconded by Dr. Ahern, and the Committee voted, unanimously, to approve the Meeting Minutes of March 28, 2024.

Sample Schedule of the MSBA Process

- Mr. Osterman stated the Core Program can take at least seven years. He showed sample schedules. The Core Program has eight modules. Submissions closes in March. Eligibility is checked by the MSBA and can take up to a year. Then a Project Team would be formed with an OPM and designer selection. Then there is a feasibility study, design, funding the project, detailed design, construction, and a closeout and post occupancy. If Barnstable applied in March 2025, a new school move in date would be Fall 2031.
- Mr. Osterman spoke about the Accelerated Repair Program sample schedule. That process can take two years.
- Mr. Judge asked when a school would know if it was selected or not for the program. Mr. Osterman stated in the second quarter of 2025.
- Mr. Judge asked if anyone knows how many districts are on the list for new schools. Dr. Ahern does not have that data. It is not about getting on the list. They look at the merit of the application. First time applicants may get bumped up based on the merits of the need. Mr. Osterman agreed it is more about the needs of the district. The district has already done some of the reports that would be needed. More details in the statement of interest is better. There is an application with a series of questions that you answer. This group needs to figure out what they want to do.
- Mr. Maxim asked if a vote from the Town Council is needed before the statement of interest. Mr. Dwelley stated the School Committee and Town Council would need to vote. Dr. Ahern stated they would need to involve the Planning Department and other Town offices.
- Ms. Cullum asked if a district can apply for both programs. Mr. Osterman stated yes.
- Mr. Cullum asked is a district submits for the repair program, is there less of a chance to get accepted in the new build program. Mr. Osterman said not necessarily. They are set up for different things.
- Ms. Cullum stated they need a list of required repairs and what schools could be replaced.
- Ms. Cullum was bothered that the fields are not in the facilities report. Mr. Osterman stated there is limited site work funding. The district would have to go it alone to fund.
- Ms. Cullum stated the DPW did all Town fields recently and she will send out the report.

Discuss Short-Term and Mid-Term Goals for Facilities Space Issues and Needs

- Mr. Judge stated space is a problem at the elementary schools right now.
- Dr. Ahern stated PreK and K-3 are feeling the space needs. Grade 4-7 has some room, but not for new configurations. HyWest and BCIS have portables coming in to help with those space needs. It is moving at a glacial pace. The Facilities Department does not have enough staff members to oversee the capital projects. She spoke to Dan Santos about an OPM/Engineer and the Town has been helpful. The Innovation School being a school of choice has impact in the district in terms of enrollment. If it was not reauthorized, there would be more students at the school which would help with space issues at other schools. The Osterville School on Bumps River Road has come up as an option. It is the same size at BWB. The district leases the building to the Cape Cod Collaborative. The Committee would need to decide and let them know by June 30 if they plan to take the school back for the 2025-2026 school year. She is also looking at reconfiguring spaces in the buildings. BWB has a large space that could be broken into smaller spaces.
- Ms. Cullum asked how vibrant of an option is taking back the Osterville school. Mr. Judge stated it has been a conversation he had with the former Superintendent. It has been talked about amongst the leadership of the district and it has come up at School Committee meetings. Dr. Ahern stated there would be other school districts that could house the Collaborative.

- Mr. Judge asked if this Committee wants to bring the Oosterville School to the School Committee as an option or should there be a Facilities Report of the school done first. Dr. Ahern stated there was a report done recently. This group should have a follow up conversation before going to the School Committee.
- Ms. Cullum asked about staffing the new school with a principal, teachers, etc. Dr. Ahern stated some staff would move to the new school, but it would need a principal and school nurse, so there would be incremental costs. Her estimate was \$1 million, but she could work up a cost estimate for FY'26. She stated specialized programs require more space and classrooms.
- Mr. Judge asked if Dr. Ahern saw making Oosterville a preschool or K-3. Dr. Ahern would want to talk to Transportation Director Sandy Gifford about redistricting. She said having a PreK-K building would be a big shift, but an interesting possibility. It could be another K-3 and PreK could expand more at HyWest. She could work up scenarios.
- Dr. Ahern stated there are needs for specialized spaces, such as OT, PT, Calming Rooms, nursing parent room, teacher spaces, EL spaces, etc. She and Mr. Osterman could do a quick sketch of each school building and what it would be like at Oosterville with two classrooms each grade with specialized spaces and what that would look like at other schools.
- Mr. Judge asked if Dr. Ahern could do it as a K-3 building and as PreK-K building. Dr. Ahern stated yes, she was thinking as HyWest as a PreK-K Building, but needs to speak to Sandy Gifford.
- Ms. Cullum stated it is going to be a difficult asked is there is going to be another million to fund this school.
- Mr. Maxim spoke about the portable issues at HyWest and BCIS.

Next Steps

- Mr. Judge asked Dr. Ahern if she would like to open Oosterville for the 25-26 school year. Dr. Ahern stated there is a financial hesitation, but for space, yes. The School Committee would need to vote at the June 5 School Committee meeting.
- Dr. Ahern stated this Committee would need to meet the week of May 6 or 13.
- Dr. Ahern stated she, Mr. Osterman, Mr. Maxim, and Kristen Harmon can meet to discuss the proposal.
- Ms. Cullum asked about putting together a repair needs and school rebuild needs report. Mr. Judge stated the Oosterville school is on a time constraint. He stated the Committee should work on that first and then they can talk about other matters.

Future Meeting Dates

- The next meeting will be on May 15 at 8:00AM.

Motion by Ms. Cullum, seconded by Dr. Ahern, and the Committee voted, unanimously, to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:18AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jen Kruczek
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