

The Facilities Subcommittee met on Wednesday, November 20, 2024, in a Virtual Zoom Meeting. Present were Jennifer Cullum, Andre King, Sara Ahern, Chris Dwelley, Doug Boulanger, Christina Mulligan, Kyle Pedicini, and Jen Kruczek.

Ms. Cullum called the meeting to order at 4:04PM.

### **Approve Meeting Minutes**

- Motion by Mr. King, seconded by Dr. Ahern, and the Committee voted, unanimously, to approve the Meeting Minutes of November 6, 2024.

### **Discussion with Barnstable Planning Department**

- Mr. Pedicini stated he was up to speed that there is a need to look for a location for a new school.
- Ms. Cullum stated with the Needs Assessment Report, the district knows which schools to consolidate. The district wonders what to do with the properties that they will not be using anymore.
- Dr. Ahern stated she has had high level conversations with the Planning Department about the local comprehensive plan. She spoke with Elizabeth Jenkins about six months ago about the future population forecast. They are looking at consolidation in the Hyannis area. She has been told there is some land near Hyannis West and mentioned land near the Barnstable Intermediate School. They are thinking about a Hyannis West and BCIS consolidation and to do repairs to Centerville.
- Mr. Pedicini stated he was willing and eager to be a part of the process. The future development is in the Hyannis area. They are looking what to do at the previous site of the Marstons Mills school. There are three concepts and they are getting the public's feedback.
- Ms. Cullum would like to lead the conversation about the schools helping with the housing for teachers with the Seasonal Community Act. Mr. Pedicini stated he would need to look into it more. The Act allows for provisions for workforce housing.
- Dr. Ahern stated he is not familiar with the Act. She will need to look more into it, but it sounds like a great idea.
- Mr. Pedicini stated he was not sure if Barnstable was going to qualify as a seasonal community. The Schools could say they need housing and repurpose those buildings.

### **MSBA Accelerated Repair and Core Program Statement of Interest and Calendar Timeline**

- Dr. Ahern gave an overview of the Core Program. She gave a brief update at the School Committee meeting about the Statement of Interests (SOI) with the MSBA. She has example statements from Colliers to look at. She is looking to hear about the calendar and timeline, so they know how to line up votes and put together the materials.
- Ms. Mulligan discussed the calendar from now through December to assess the existing schools. In mid-January, she anticipated the SOI opening. In the beginning of February, the district would need to finalize the decision for Core vs. the Accelerated Repair Programs. The first week of March is the anticipated Accelerated Repair Program deadline. The second week of April is the Core Program deadline. She gave a brief description of the Core and Accelerated Repair Programs.
- Dr. Ahern stated the votes should be taken in February since that is when the final decision for the Core and/or Accelerated Repair Programs.
- Ms. Cullum suggested speaking to the Town Council members two or three at a time to let them know what is going on. She thinks there needs to be more School Committee meetings to talk about this.
- Dr. Ahern stated capital projects can be prioritized once the decision is made.
- Ms. Cullum stated there needs to be more of an explanation from a financial standpoint.
- Mr. King stated there should be a discussion at the next School Committee meeting on this subject.
- Dr. Ahern stated she will suggest to Kathy Bent to have a discussion on the Core program. They also need to circle back on the portables. The more the district looked into the Nauset portables, the more reluctant they are to move forward. The enrollment numbers are down for kindergarten. She thought this could all be in one discussion. West Villages and Barnstable-West Barnstable has space that can be mined into new classrooms.
- Ms. Mulligan stated Colliers can help with a presentation on what the district's needs are and about the programs.
- Ms. Cullum stated there needs to be an education piece about the program.
- Mr. Boulanger stated the Committee needs to have the schedule to understand a new school is 8-10 years from now, but the planning needs to start today.

- Mr. Dwelley stated he needs Colliers to give him an estimated cost after reimbursement for the new school. Ms. Mulligan stated she needed the final consolidation plan first. She needed the enrollment numbers to get those costs. The reimbursement rate has been about 37-40%.
- Ms. Cullum stated Hyannis West and BCIS are the schools to replace. This Subcommittee can make a recommendation to the School Committee to move forward. The presentation should come from many directions: financial, area schools, redistricting, and deferred maintenance.
- Dr. Ahern said they need to look at enrollment forecast out seven years and pull those numbers. She agreed that BCIS and Hyannis West, with a little redistricting, is the way to go.
- Mr. King stated the Subcommittee should be talking about these items at every School Committee meeting.
- Mr. Dwelley stated they should look at the cost of new building v. the capital improvement costs if there is no new building.

#### **Update on Indoor Air Quality in Schools**

- Dr. Ahern stated the Health and Safety Committee at BUES has a meeting tonight. The envelope work is scheduled for Saturday. The staff is coping with dry conditions in the building and have been requesting humidifiers. The Assistant Principal's office is fully remediated. There is air testing scheduled for next week. Mr. Boulanger stated new flooring, painting, and furniture are still to come. Dr. Ahern stated she will send an update this weekend to parents.

#### **Next Steps**

- The next meeting will be on December 11 at 4:00PM.

Motion by Mr. King, seconded by Dr. Ahern, and the Committee voted, unanimously, to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 5:06PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jen Kruczek  
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