

**MARLBOROUGH BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**SPECIAL MEETING - FACILITY ASSESSMENT PRESENTATION**  
**MEETING MINUTES**

**Thursday, January 9, 2025 @ 7:00 p.m.**  
**Elmer Thienes-Mary Hall Elementary School – Cafeteria**

**Unofficial Draft**

**1. Call to Order & Roll Call:**

Meeting called to order at 7:00PM by Board Chair, Kerri Barella

BOE Members Present: Kerri Barella, Linda Earley, Angela Colantonio, Raymond “Chip” Morris, Amy Kuhrt, Sue Stolfi (remote)

Administration Present:       Dr. Holly Hageman, Superintendent  
  John Mercier, Director of Operations

**2. Presentation of the Marlborough Elementary School Facility Assessment:**

Ms. Barella asked Superintendent Hageman to introduce the presenters and facilitate the session.

Dr. Hageman introduced David Farris of Antinozzi & Associates, the firm which conducted the Facilities Assessment and John Mercier, Marlborough Public Schools Director of Operations. She informed the public that the school district website now houses all current documents related to the Facilities Assessment and all future documents will be posted there. Dr. Hageman thanked Town Manager, David Porter and Town Planner, Peter Hughes for collaborating with her and John Mercier and the Antinozzi & Associates team as they reviewed the initial drafts of the assessment to prepare for tonight’s presentation. Dr. Hageman expressed that this collaboration is a very positive team approach for what will be a joint effort on the part of the Board of Education, Board of Selectmen, and Board of Finance to improve upon and maintain the Town’s school.

Mr. Farris, Senior Associate at Antinozzi and Project Manager for this Assessment presented the background, methodology, and recommendations for the projects that need to be done at Marlborough Elementary School to comply with state statutes as well as replacing systems and structures that are nearing the end of their functional life. The projects were presented in a prioritized manner under two approaches; a 5-year Capital Improvements Plan (project by project over 5 years) or an Alteration Project (all projects completed within a 2 year timeframe). Mr. Farris explained the cost differences between the two approaches and introduced Tom Hardin, Pan American Consulting Services, who was the cost-estimator for the recommended work detailed in the report.

John Mercier reviewed a handout that described a potential timeframe and process for the improvement plan, dependent upon the determination by the Boards of Education, Selectmen, and Finance as to whether an Alterations Project or Capital Improvement Plan is what will be brought to a referendum vote.

**3. Public Comment:**

Mr. Farris, John Mercier, and Dr. Hageman fielded questions from the public. There was discourse among the Board of Education members about how to engage with the other key stakeholder Boards in this process. The Board of Education informally proposed that the Chairs of the Board of Education, Selectmen, and Finance meet together to create a structure for a Committee of the Boards to talk through next steps. Mr. Josh Braun, a member of the Town Building Committee, requested that a member of the Building Committee be included in this next steps discussion. Kerri Barella indicated that she would reach out to the respective Chairs and Mr. Braun seeking a meeting.

**4. Adjournment:**

The meeting adjourned at 8:57PM

Respectfully Submitted:  
Carmela Monte

