

GAINFIELD ELEMENTARY & POMPERAUG ELEMENTARY FEASIBILITY STUDY COMMITTEE

Virtual Kick Off Meeting

June 13, 2024

Why Now?

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 - Timing of the project and impact of LMES Bond sunseting
 - PES and GES are facing the need for substantial repairs or upgrades. This process will help to determine the cost benefit to repair, renovate, or build new.
- State Funding for a new school or renovation
 - General Construction 2024 rate 49.64%
 - Reimbursement rates are between 20% and 80%. Types of projects include:
 - Renovations (priority)
 - Extensions (priority)
 - Major alterations of an existing school building (priority)
 - Code violations (nonpriority)
 - Roof replacements (nonpriority)
 - New construction or replacement of a school building when a town or regional school district can demonstrate that new construction or replacement is less expensive than a renovation, extension, or major alteration of an existing school building (priority)
 - HVAC
 - New Construction 2024 Rate 39.64%

Committee Charge

Charge for the PES/GES Feasibility Study Committee

Pomperaug Elementary School, (PES), located at 607 Main Street South in Southbury, and Gainfield Elementary School, (GES), located at 307 Old Field Road in Southbury, have been in use since 1967 and 1941, respectively. The District is evaluating these two schools to determine the best option(s) for educational use of these facilities. A Feasibility Study, including plans, phasing plans and cost estimates, will be used to determine the path forward for the District

1. The committee will recommend to the Board of Education an Architectural Firm and CM that will conduct the school study.
2. This committee will review the study and make a recommendation to the Board of Education as to their consensus on a path forward.

Members of the Committee

Board Chair (ex- officio) (non – voting): Ms. Manzo		Central Office Administrators (non-voting): Joshua Smith, Superintendent Joe Martino, Director of Finance	
Board of Education Members: Heather Dwyer, Heather Rodgers, Sally Romano		Middlebury Town Officials: Ed St. John and Vin Cipriano	Southbury Town Officials: Jeff Manville and John Michaels
PTO Community Members: Jason Andrews and Molly Mandje		GES Principal: Jon Romeo PES Principal: Stephanie Furman	PES Teacher: Lynne Dolan GES Teacher: Christina Hubbard

Supporting Consultant: Susan Chipouras

4 Goals:



In consultation with Architects, their Consultants, and available existing building information, evaluate the existing conditions of the Pomperaug Elementary School and Ga infield Elementary School, including, but not limited to building envelope, interior construction, MEP systems, existing occupancy use, and site conditions.



Provide feasibility studies for renovation as new for both schools, PES renovation as new with additions to accommodate GES, GES renovation as new with additions to accommodate PES, and a new school combining PES and GES. All options are to accommodate the highest 8 year projected enrollment for each school.



Provide a recommendation(s) to the Board of Education regarding a course of action moving forward.



Upon review and approval by the BOE the Committee will dissolve.

Summary



These steps do not necessarily have to take place as independent steps. At the conclusion of these steps a recommendation will be presented to the Board of Education for a decision.

Accessing Files



Documents Folder:

A link to the folder will be sent to committee members

Contains all proposals

Scoring Rubrics, they will also be sent to you via email



Hard copies of the proposals are at central office

There are 4 copies of each proposal

Can view at Region 15 Central Offices or check out

Structure of Meetings and Next Steps

- All meetings, unless related to contracts or vendors, will be held in a public space and allow for comments from citizens.
 - We plan to hold meetings at the Pomperaug High School Library unless otherwise noted
- Link to all public facing materials
- Meeting Agendas and Minutes
- Recording of Public Sessions

<https://www.region15.org/board-of-education/ges-pes>

Selection of September Dates:

- Dates that are must avoid, meeting patterns



Questions

