

Franklin School Building Committee Minutes

November 14, 2011

Call to order: 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Mercer

Attendance: Mr. Mason, Mr. Cafasso, Mrs. Sabolinski, Mr. Light, Mr. Nutting, Mr. Mercer, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Leblanc, Mr. Goode, Mr. Halter, Ms. Collins and Mrs. Mullen. Mr. D'Angelo, Mr. Allevato, and Mr. Nathan were not in attendance. Mr. Feeley arrived a few minutes late. Also in attendance were Sean Fennell, Owners Project Manager, Jim Jordan and Scott Dunlap from Ai3 Architects, Andrew Chagnon from Pare Corporation and Kris Bradner from Birchwood Design Group.

General Business:

A motion was made to approve the minutes from the October 24, 2011 School Building Committee meeting.

Motion: Mr. Nutting

Second: Mrs. Mullen

Approve: 12

A motion was made to approve one invoice from Ai3 Architects.

Motion: Mr. Nutting

Second: Mrs. Mullen

Approve: 12

A motion was made to approve two invoices from Daedalus Projects.

Motion: Mr. Nutting

Second: Mrs. Mullen

Approve: 12

Presentation: Mr. Jordan noted the geotechnical memorandum stating that ground water was found in the subsurface – which he said came as no surprise as well as organic soil. He noted that traditional footings can be used on the site. With regards to the traffic study, he stated that minor traffic issues will have an impact on the circulation around the site. Mr. Chagnon went on to note that while it was hoped to have traffic enter and exit through the same drive, the existing separate entrance and exit will need to remain in use due to the surrounding wetlands.

Mr. Chagnon discussed with the Committee a few of the highlights from the November 1, 2011 meeting held with the New Franklin High School User Group. He reviewed the proposed layout of the varsity and junior varsity baseball fields noting that a multi-use field will also be tied into the same area. Lights will be added to the fields, taking into consideration proximity to abutters. The Committee would also like to see wiring for scoreboards in place for the baseball fields. He discussed modifying the entrance into the Oak Street/Horace Mann Complex so the parking entrance and bus loop are combined into one curb cut as well as adding a second drop off area at the back of the school via Panther Way. The addition of a fence between the new school and existing football field

as well as plantings between the parking lot and multi-use fields was also discussed. The Committee does not want to consider adding a concession stand or ticket-counter. It was also noted that an irrigation system will not be added.

Mr. Jordan noted that the space needs summary and floor plans will need to be approved by the Committee this evening for submittal to the DESE for review. It was also noted that the walking track will remain on the second floor. The MSBA says that it is too much of a modification to the model school plan to move it to the first floor.

Discussion: With regards to the floor plans, Mr. Light noted that the classroom configurations were based on the visioning process. Mr. Mercer noted that he would like to see outside access to the auditorium.

A motion was made to approve the space needs summary and floor plans.

Motion: Mr. Feeley

Second: Mrs. Mullen

Approve: 13

Mr. Mercer noted that the first public hearing on the High School project will be held on Thursday, November 17th at 7 p.m. The hearing will take place at the Horace Mann Middle school's auditorium. Strategies for getting the word out on the project, such as mass mailings, were also discussed.

Meeting Dates: The next meeting is scheduled for December 5, 2011 at 7 p.m.

Adjourn: 8:50 p.m.

Motion: Mr. Nutting

Second: Mrs. Sabolinski

Approve: 13

Respectfully Submitted,

Maureen Barker