

**Winthrop School Building Assistance Committee
A. T. Cummings School**

Meeting: December 6, 2012

School Building Assistance Committee Members Present

David Dockendorf, Co- Chair	MaryLou Osborne Co-Chair	Karin Chavis
Robert DiMento	Monica Ford	David Girard
Richard Lawton	Jim Letterie	Arthur Marcella
Debie McDonald	Gary Skomro	Anthony Evangelista
Gerald Boyle	John Macero	Vinny Crossman

School Building Assistance Committee Members Absent

Gail Conlon	Martha Kelleher	Barbara Flavin
Jim McKenna		

Also Present

Paul Giella, Citizen		
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Dave Dockendorf called meeting to order.

Motion by Richard Lawton second by Arthur Marcella to approve the minutes of November 12, 2012

Open for Discussion

No Discussion

Vote: Unanimous

Motion by MaryLou Osborne with corrections (addition of Vinny Crossman's name as present at the November 15th meeting)

Second: John Macero

Open for Discussion

No Discussion

Vote: Unanimous

Financial Report/Deliverables

Three Invoices:

Motion by Karin Chavis, Second by Jim Letterie to approve 3 invoices from HMFH totaling \$51,185.73

Open for Discussion

Karin Chavis: inquired as to a bottom line figure

Answer: Yes, see last page of backup information

Without any further discussion

Vote: Unanimous

Motion by Arthur Marcella, Second by Jim Letterie to approve invoice from Skanska in the amount of \$6790.00

Open for discussion

No discussion

Vote: Unanimous

Motion by Tony Evangelista, Second by Vinny Crossman to approve invoice from Secretary Judy Buono in the amount of \$225.00

Open for Discussion

No discussion

Vote: Unanimous

Unfinished Business:

Continuation of the Discussion of Options:

Change in Order of Agenda

MaryLou explained to the committee that at the various meetings around town, citizens have been choosing Option B (a new middle/high school) which is over the \$65 million budget the Committee has been working towards. Her Concern is that before this committee meets with the School Committee clarification should be made as to which choice is the Committee's number one choice. Ms. Osborne reminded the committee that there are three options and MSBA could choose the lowest.

Discussion:

Gary Skomro: Clarification as to where the \$65 million figure came from

John Macero: Background as to how and why the project and figures were determined

Vinny Crossman: We will be including \$3 million dollars for Miller Field no matter which option we choose.

Karin Chavis: Do we have to decide which option we want this evening?

No: everyone will have another opportunity to vote on January 17, 20112 for a particular option

Jim Letterie: Explained the Town Council's point of View and felt that the council will vote on that they believe is the best plan for the schools and town rather than the difference of \$15 million.

Dave Dockendorf reminded the committee that while you choose an option there is still potential for change, shift, and clarification of design, all of which effect cost.

Comments from MSBA:

- Think beyond today when building a school
- Media Lab used for our students since we have a local cable station
- Need to rename our preschool program (it is not a daycare)
- Medical program (it is a teaching program not a medical care facility)
- Black Box (it will be used for music/art/drama classes, utilized by students)
- Academic Behavior Room (utilized for in house suspended students, not a jail facility)
- Necessity of 6 Lab (Mr. Macero gave a response)
- Cross Street. If closing it, who owns it
- Easements, are there any?
- Environmental issues need to be addressed
- Trees in the present Courtyard
- 9-12 school still being considered
- Mr. Macero read the MSBA statement (complete response on file)

Robert DiMento: After speaking with the MSBA did you feel that if our chose of options were to change and the figure were over the original \$65 million would that be an issue?

John Macero: No: whatever the Committee submits the documentation will be presented to support those reasons.

Gary Skomro: Could the council refuse to put this on the ballot if we choose Option B?

No one felt that this would happen

Because this would be a debt exclusion vote Town Councilman Mael would like to see a menu vote on the ballot.

Richard Lawton explained the override vote on the previous schools

Committee feels that Mr. Macero should let the council know what the costs are, which are not reimbursable, if the Town chooses to do nothing but repair both schools, also, should the school start repairing these buildings?

New Business

K12 Survey is up on the Web, should have the information by January 3, 2013 meeting

Mr. Macero has been on WCAT, and lunch with seniors at the Senior Center explaining the project. Inquiry from seniors: Pool

Mr. Macero will look into that with HMFH, this is where a menu comes in handy, also reminded committee this would be a worthwhile, but non-reimbursable cost.

Additional Discussion:

- Need to explain Accreditation linked with the need to Repair the High School
- Placement of Students during Construction/rehab
- Systems that need repair
- Explanation doing nothing is still going to cost taxpayer money
- MSBA is giving you a grant
- Lowest % to Borrow

Re-Use Committee, Sub Committee to the School Building Assistance Committee:

Re-Use committee will consist of: the Town Manager (or designee), Superintendent (or designee), School Committee Member (or designee), School Facilities Manager, Barbara Flavin, and Arthur Marcella.

Town Hall Holiday Party, December 20, 2012 6 P.M.

Next Meeting:

January 3, 2013

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Respectfully Submitted

Judi Buono, Secretary