

BERKSHIRE HILLS REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Great Barrington

Stockbridge

West Stockbridge

MONUMENT MOUNTAIN REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE (SBC) MEETING

In-Person/Virtual

October 23, 2024 – 5:30 PM

In-Person Location: District Office Professional Development Room, 50 Main Street, 2nd Floor, Stockbridge, MA

Virtual Location: (Public attendance) * Zoom (details provided on meeting agenda)

SBC Members:

Present: **Stephen Bannon**- School Committee Chair, **Stephen Boyd**- Community Member, **Peter Dillon**-Superintendent, **Jason St. Peter**- Building Committee Chair/School Committee, **Christopher Barnes**- School Principal (virtual), **Steven Soule**- Director of Operations, **Ananda Timpone**- Community Member (virtual- joined at 5:45 PM), **Eric Gabriel**- Community Member (virtual), **Bill Fields**- Retired Teacher/School Committee, **Daniel Bailly**- Community Member, **Sarah Bourla**- School Committee Member, **Diane Singer**- School Committee Member, **Stephen Shatz**- Community Member, **Sharon Harrison**-Business Administrator, **Kara Staunton-Shron**-Teacher/ Librarian,

Absent: **Jamie Goldenberg**- Community Member, **Lily Haskins-Vaughn**- Student, **Retired Teacher/School Committee**, **Kristina Farina (Kristi)**- Retired Principal/Community Member, **Kate Van Olst**- Community, Member, , **Ian Brown**- Assistant Principal for Career, Technical and Vocational Education, **Rob Putnam**- Interim Assistant Superintendent,

Other Attendees (virtual):

THE Newsletter (virtual), James (Great Barrington), Bill Vogt

Owner Project Managers (OPM):

John Benzinger, Nick Lobik, Brayden Smith

DiNisco/WRA (Design Team):

Donna DiNisco, Jeff Oxsalid, James (Jim) Shuttleworth (virtual), (DiNisco Design, Inc.), Sam Lasky, Andy Jonic, Andrew Corcoran (WRA)

Meeting opened at 5:30 PM by Jason St.Peter.

Public Participation:

- None

1. Meeting Minutes Review/Approval:

- **Jason St. Peter moved to approve the 9/18/2024 meeting minutes. Steve Bannon seconded the motion.**
- William Fields called a roll call vote:
 - o Yes: Stephen Bannon, Peter Dillon, Jason St. Peter, Christopher Barnes, Steven Soule, Eric Gabriel, Bill Fields, Daniel Bailly, Stephen Shatz, Stephen Boyd, Sarah Bourla Kara Staunton-Shron, Ananda Timpone, Sharon Harrison
 - o No: None
 - o Abstained: None
 - o Absent: Jamie Goldenberg, Lily Haskins-Vaughn, Kristina Farina (Kristi), Kate Van Olst, , Ian Brown, , Diane Singer
- **The motion passed unanimously.**

2. Skanska Update:

- Estimates from estimators to be received on Nov 8th, from both Skanska and DiNisco's estimators. The reconciliation is scheduled for Nov 12th.
- Approval to PSR, for schedule Design Phase
- MSBA Board meeting in February, where approval for PSR will be decided
- Upcoming Meetings:
 - o Nov 12th Project Team will have an Estimate Reconciliation Meeting
 - o Reconciled PSR estimate will be provided by Nov. 15th.
 - o Nov. 25th Community Meeting, inform public of Designs and the associated costs.
 - o Dec. 4th SBC meeting will be held to vote on what option to proceed with.
 - o Dec. 11th the PSR submissions will be sent to the SBC for review.
 - o Dec. 17th the SBC will be held to vote to approve the submission of the PSR to the MSBA.
 - o The PSR submission is due to the MSBA on December 19th.
 - o Jan. 15th or 29th are the proposed dates being held as potential meeting dates for Facilities Assessment Subcommittee with the MSBA. Once the PSR submission is made the MSBA will verify the date.
- Upcoming Outreach Items:
 - o Finance Committee meetings are schedule for Nov. 18th, 19th, 21st at 5:30pm with the towns within the District.

3. Design Updates:

- DiNisco brought in 2C-one story, 3H, and 3E model to show people who attended the meeting
- **2C-1 Design:**
 - o Consists of a renovate and addition to the existing building.
 - o This options helps bring the administrative wing at the front of building.
 - o Creates a better sense of arrival to the school.
 - o Addresses all programing deficiencies.
 - o This option would be phased construction with the students in the building.
- **3E Design:**
 - o This option has a smaller footprint on site.
 - o Library centrally located within the building.
 - o Auditorium is located at main entrance.
 - o Secondary entrance for community use of gym and other after hours usage.
 - o Automotive will have direct access to outdoors.
 - o Grouping of classrooms will help create programing flexibility.
 - o Cafeteria is located on the lower level with access to the outdoors.
 - o This option is built into the existing hill on the on the west side of the building.
 - o Sarah Bourla asked where the front of the building is located. DiNisco responded that you enter on the middle level on the east side of the building.
- **3H Design:**
 - o New parking area in the footprint of the existing school.
 - o Entrance allows for after hours use for the gym and auditorium while securing the rest of the school.
 - o Administration is located at the main entrance.
 - o Automotive will have access to outdoors.
 - o Grouping of classrooms allows for program flexibility.
 - o Science Labs are grouped together and integrated with classrooms.
 - o Auditorium is located at the main entrance.
 - o Cafeteria is located at the main entrance with access to outdoors.
 - o The media center is located on second floor.
 - o Sarah Bourla asked where the receiving is located. DiNisco responded that it is located on the east side of the building and that they would have to walk down the hallway to the kitchen.

Open discussion session regarding which design School Board Members preferred. An overview of the discussion is outlined below:

- Steve Shatz asked which of the alternatives would be the best for good learning, cost, and distribution. DiNisco responded they all meet the educational programming goals.
- Steve then asked what the teaching staff think of the designs.
- Kara Staunton-Shron responded that they have not seen these designs.
 - DiNisco responded they would be willing to present the options to the staff at their next staff meeting.
- Eric also asked how close to the road each design was. DiNisco provided approximations during the meeting.
- Sharon Harrison then said she seems that there will be more parking with 3H.
- Sharon also said that she likes 3H because of the front entrance.
- Dan Bailly said that he liked 3E, but agreed with general consensus that 3H is better for school use.
- Dan then stated that 3H is slightly less disruptive, less expensive, and could be a good change.

4) Subcommittees update

a. Outreach:

- Nov. 25th Community Meeting
- Nov. 18th, 19th, 21st at 5:30pm for finance committee review with the member towns of the district.

b. Sustainability:

- DiNisco shared the life cycle costs of the different MEP systems from a base scope of a gas fire boiler to air source heat pumps and geothermal.
- The presented documents included potential savings from Mass Save and the Inflation Reduction Act.

5) New Business

- No new business

Meeting Adjourned at 7:45 PM by unanimous motion.