

BERKSHIRE HILLS REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Great Barrington

Stockbridge

West Stockbridge

MONUMENT MOUNTAIN REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE (SBC) MEETING

In-Person/Virtual

June 5, 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)*

Attendees

SBC Members:

Present: **Stephen Bannon**-School Committee Chair, **Stephen Boyd**-Community Member, **Kristina (Kristi) Farina**-MMRHS Principal, **William (Bill) Fields**-Retired Teacher/School Committee, **Eric Gabriel**- Community Member, **Sharon Harrison**-Business Administrator, **Kara Staunton-Shron**-Teacher/ Librarian, **Jason St. Peter**-Building Committee Chair/School Committee, **Daniel Bailly**-Community Member, **Diane Singer**- School Committee Member, **Ananda Timpone**, Community Member, **Steven Soule**-Director of Operations

Absent:

Peter Dillon-Superintendent; , **Jamie Goldenberg**-Community Member, **Kate Van Olst**, Community Member, **Stephen Shatz**-Community Member

Other Attendees:

James (Great Barrington Citizen), THE NEWSletter, Rob Putnam - Interim Assistant Superintendent

Owner Project Manager (OPM):

John Benzinger, Nick Lobik, Ben Murphy, Marissa Whalley (Skanska USA Building, Inc.)

Architect

Donna DiNisco, Jeff Oxsalida, Jim Shuttleworth (DiNisco Design), Sam Lasky, Andrew Jonic, Chris Aubin (Williams Rawn Associates)

Meeting Opened: 5:30 PM by Jason St. Peter.

Meeting Minutes Approval

- **Motion by Bill Fields to approve the May 22nd, 2024, Meeting Minutes. Seconded by Dan Bailey. Jason St. Peter called a vote. The motion passed unanimously.**

Public Participation

- None

Subcommittee Updates

- Outreach:
 - 6/17 virtual community information session - ad placed in shoppers circular and to be included in 3 school newsletters.
 - Steve Boyd encouraged SBC members to spread the word and host gatherings to view the virtual forum.
 - It was asked how much website traffic we have received to date.

- Victoria Clifford,, Skanska, to follow up
- Why Now/What's Different this time narratives are being developed.
- MMRHS tour video in progress
- Bill Fields noted that the HS school newspaper includes an article on the existing building - to be added to the project website.
- Three members were added to the outreach subcommittee.

Design Update

- Donna DiNisco ran through the meeting presentation, topics included:
 - MSBA Process
 - Educational Program:
 - Donna noted that final edits are being made to the ed program to be included in the PDP submission. The ed program establishes the design basis which is critical to the project.
 - Existing and Proposed Space Summary
 - Program Priorities and Goals
 - Potential Project Locations
 - Individual Repair Project Costs:
 - Donna explained that if the project were to fail, "doing nothing" is not an option. District has made necessary repairs while awaiting this project process, but holding off on certain larger scale times is the prudent approach for capital projects planning.
 - Donna noted that the team met with Steve Soule (Director of Operations) to review all items that need to be repaired in the next 5 years after a potential failed vote, costs summarized in the shown chart.
 - Premiums for occupied temporary phasing not included.
 - Cost escalation not included - these projects would most likely result in being broken into small packages to be completed over multiple summers, potentially 10 - 15 years total.
 - SBC members discussed the challenges with a base-repair only/failed vote plan.
 - Bill Fields noted that the greenhouse is not included in the current Individual Repair Project Summary chart.
 - Donna confirmed that yes, the greenhouse is not included, due to this list being necessary building repairs only, not any educational programming improvements.
 - PDP Costs:
 - Summary includes total estimated cost for each alternative, estimated MSBA share, estimated Future Farmers of America Grant, and estimated District Share. The following alternatives were priced (please see meeting materials for full cost details):
 - Alt. 1 Code Upgrade/Base Repairs
 - Alt. 2A Renovation/Major Addition
 - Alt. 2B Renovation/Major Addition
 - Alt. 2C Renovation/Major Addition
 - Alt. 3E New Construction
 - Alt. 3H New Construction
 - Donna noted that 14 temporary modular classrooms assumed for the add/reno models would cost around \$3M in non-reimbursable costs by the MSBA.
 - Donna explained that the Alt. 1 Code Upgrade/Base Repair, would not meet your educational program, therefore, we would expect no funding from the MSBA.
 - The committee discussed pros and cons of the current options.

- Certain committee members felt that it is not worth entertaining the base/repair and add/reno options due to the cost compared to new construction, however, we will need to continue to study all as required by the MSBA.
- **Steve Bannon made a motion to eliminate Alt. 1 Code Upgrade/Base Repair and Alt. 2A Renovation/Major Addition and create a hybrid model for New Construction of Alternate 3E and 3H. Motion seconded by Eric Gabriel. Jason St. Peter called a vote. The motion was unanimously approved.**
- **Steve Bannon made a motion for the project to not use temporary classrooms as they are not reimbursable by the MSBA (the state). Motion seconded by Bill Fields. Jason St. Peter called a vote. The motion was unanimously approved.**
- Current Design Alternates Review:
 - Alt. 1 Code Upgrade/Base Repairs
 - Alt. 2A Renovation/Major Addition
 - Alt. 2B Renovation/Major Addition
 - Alt. 2C Renovation/Major Addition
 - Alt. 3E New Construction
 - Alt. 3H New Construction
- The design team presented physical models in-person. The SBC members viewed the models and asked questions regarding the plans.
- PDP Approval Process:
 - Next meeting, 6/26, SBC to approve the PDP submission
 - Recess will be needed to finalize and approve the minutes
 - Skanska to confirm with District who can notarize the submission

New Business

- Next meeting, 6/26/24
- PDP draft to be provided by 6/19 for SBC to review
- Skanska to send meeting invites and meeting materials moving forward

Meeting adjourned 7:40 PM by unanimous decision.