

Longmeadow School Building Committee Meeting Minutes  
December 10, 2009  
School Committee Room  
6:35PM

Approved February 3, 2010

Present: Barkett, Swanson, Bruns, Hart, Wrabel, Berte, Dunkerly, Hirsch, Pasterczyk, Greenberg, Joyal, Judge, Bistran, Crosbie

Absent: Sirulnik

Also present: Luxenberg from JL and Roberts and Koehler from OMR

Ron made a motion to approve minutes of 9/11. Roland seconded. Approved  
Paul made a motion to approve minutes of 8/27. Peter seconded. Approved.

There was a general discussion about the need for the SB to vote for a special town meeting and special election regarding the high school project. Robin and Chris explained the mechanics of the timeline. Jeff will attend the next Select Board meeting (12-21-2009) to explain why it's preferable and the benefits of separating annual town business from discussion of a new school. It was noted that a typical Longmeadow Annual Spring Town Meeting lasts 4+ hours. There was some talk about procuring private donations to fund the additional costs to the Town.

Paul requested approval for invoices of \$55223.97 and \$17000.00 to Joslin Lesser and \$38223.00 to OMR. Robin made a motion to approve the payment. Mike seconded. Approved.

A discussion was then led by Chuck reviewing the comments made by MSBA on our preferred 2B option. Two positives were that we will still maintain most of the existing athletic fields and students will remain in the current facility until completion of the project. Some of their concerns were:

1. What is our approach to future expansion?
2. Does the concept address 21<sup>st</sup> century school?
3. How are sightlines and security being addressed?
4. There is a lack of exterior views from the Media Center and the Cafeteria.
5. Partially decentralize administration
6. The building site selection.
7. Exposure of Art rooms.

Chuck then reviewed three new options incorporating the MSBA concerns.

Option 2C5 (renamed 2B1) compared to 2B

- \*footprint more compact
- \*new construction does not impact existing district office
- \*site better balanced

- \*preserves most existing fields
- \*good service access
- (First floor)
- \*media center and cafeteria moved to perimeter
- \*better future expansion opportunities
- \*Art with northern exposure
- \*preserves the best of 2B
- (Second floor)
- \*improved organization over 2B
- \*more compact adjacencies
- \*science classes split in the middle
- \*addresses future expansion
- \*creates focus point for each department

Option 2C7 (renamed 2B2) compared to 2B

- \*footprint slightly larger
- \*little or no impact on the existing district office
- \*preserves most existing athletic fields
- \*good service access
- (First floor)
- \*organized for 21<sup>st</sup> century school
- \*accommodates today's departmental organization
- \*isolates academic wing from core facilities
- \*excellent sightlines and security
- \*proximity to existing 1971 building
- \*double height media center
- (Second floor)
- \*vertical relationship vs. horizontal
- \*compact footprint with discreet clusters
- \*media center open to daylight from above

Option 2C7A (renamed 2B3) compared to 2B2

- \*relates art and music to academics
- \*maintains relationship to auditorium
- \*slightly more discrete location of cafeteria
- \*Good access to the eastern grade

Larry told us that these three options were reviewed extensively with his administrative staff and faculty representatives. It was noted that there was not a significant difference in total cost between each option.

Gwen made a motion to have the Longmeadow School Building Committee recommend that option 2C7 (renamed 2B2) to be relabeled as "2B revised" and become the new preferred option. Mike seconded. Unanimously approved.

Chris noted that Jahn, Robin, JL, OMR and herself will be meeting again with MSBA on 12/17/09 to discuss new revisions to our original option 2B.

The next Select Board meeting is again in 12/21/09. On 1/4/10, JL and OMR will present the 2B revised plan to the Select Board. Our next SBC meeting will take place in the BTC at 7PM on 1/7/10. At that time, we will schedule informational presentations to the public.

Being no further business, Richard made a motion to adjourn. Paul seconded. There was unanimous approval. The meeting ended at 9:10 PM

Minutes submitted by Peter Greenberg  
Scribe for the night.