

Master Planning Meeting

April 21, 2016

- I. Chair, Keith LeClair called the meeting to order at 6pm. In attendance were School Board Member; Samantha Belcourt, Superintendent Dr. Charles P. (Phil) Littlefield; Principal, Lori Collins; and Teacher Michelle Widdison.
- II. Review of the past Proposal History: Keith presented the information below to the meeting.

Proposal History:

2014 goal setting

- Removal of portable & modular structures
- Improve Safety and Security of building. This includes access to building and traffic flow. DHS survey
- Create additional space for future classrooms, special education space, nursing, teacher meeting space, and cafeteria.
- New appropriately sized gymnasium that can accommodate entire student body and community needs.

How do we meet these goals?

- Renovate only – would only hit 2 out of 4 of our goals
- Renovate and Add on current site – more cost efficient, met all of our goals
- Build new on other property

So why this plan?

- Renovations only would still be costly and unable to meet goals.
- Build new not necessary and too costly.
- Renovate and Addition was chosen because the current structure of the building was determined to be solid. All goals could be met and at a cost much less than a new building.

How was the plan developed?

- Plan was developed by H.L. Turner Group and modified many times. Most modifications were reductions of the original plan taking out things the board believed could be done without. (*For example, downsizing the gym to have more adequate parking.*)
- BPS hired to develop budget numbers and phasing plan.
- After BPS placed budget numbers on plan more modifications were discussed to reduce cost further.
- Members of the School Board, SAU, Administration, Turner Group and BPS met to review. We reviewed every line item in detail.
- BPS returned with proposal of every potential reduction.

In part we removed:

- Landscaping
- Heating contingency (*this was cut in half*)
- 4 classrooms - *1.5 million savings, potential growth of 20% and that includes removing portables and bringing them under back under the roof. There is more potential growth off the addition if needed in the future.*
- HVAC privacy screens
- Matching brickwork in rear of building and on Gym
- Replacement of roofs was discussed, but we voted to keep that in the budget.

Where do we go from here?

Open to ideas, opinions...

- III. Discuss the next steps moving forward
 - a. Start discussing if any changes will be made to the current plan.
 - b. Having a stronger means of communication to the community of this plan.
- IV. Comments from the Public
 - a. Many community members made the following suggestions:
 - i. Find ways to offset the cost of this plan
 - ii. Video tape presentations like tonight's and post to the public
 - iii. Post information to the Crier every month, like the other committees do
 - iv. The façade of the plan does not look like the old Auburn school
 - v. Post when the School Board is on the agenda for the Selectmen's meetings
 - vi. The School Website is hard to view on mobile devices
- V. Adjourn @ 7:38