

# COMMITTEE AND SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

**DISTRICT:** Auburn

**NAME OF MEETING:** Master Planning Public Input Meeting

**DATE/TIME/LOCATION OF MEETING:** January 19, 2017 AVS Cafeteria 6:30pm

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:** Keith LeClair, Samantha Belcourt, Alan Villeneuve, Mark Comeau, and Maureen Murgo.

**SESSION START TIME:** 6:33pm

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF MEETING ACTIVITY AND ALL MOTIONS/SECONDS AND ANY ACTION TAKEN:**

This is a public Input and Informational Meeting that consisted of a presentation by Keith LeClair on the AVS Addition & Renovation Project. The presentation consisted of a PowerPoint that was organized into 3 sections; The "How", The "Why", and the "Cost." Community members were encouraged to ask questions between the sections or after the presentation. The PowerPoint presentation is available to the public on the website.

The following community members asked questions:

**Christine Clarkson, 19 Raymond Road**

Q: What are the septic concerns about locker rooms, etc? A: This will be included in site work of the project. Current septic is 30 plus years old.

Q: Have flexible walls been considered to save money? A: These have been used in the past, it is not in the current plan. However, it is not sound proof or safe for students.

**Tim Kleiner, 36 Forrest Drive**

Q: What is the current population of the school? A: We are currently at 615 students. This is our second largest high. In September we were at 601 students, so we have increased 14 students in 4 months. The population has increased about 10-12% since the Pinkerton Agreement.

**Joan Marcotte, 54 Pasture Road**

Q: Any cost savings resources? A: Looked at federal grants, no determination of grants until the town agrees for the project.

Q: Will we claim old materials, for example copper? A: There is no significant scrap.

**Aaron Beaudry, 143 Spruce Lane**

Q: Are there any solar energy costs in the plan? A: No, not at this time. BPS said it would not be cost effective at this time.

**David, Sattle Hill Road**

Q: How will school not be interrupted with this project? A: BPS specialized in these types of projects and there will be 4 phases of this and will take about 24 months to complete.

Q: why don't we know the bond rate? A: All we have is an estimate. There will be no definite rate set until June if this passes.

Q: What about the Exit 2 Property? A: The town voted "yes" to allow the School Board to sell the property. However, with zoning changes it decreased the value of the property and the school board decided to not sell at this time. Looking to rezone the property.

**David, Starr Circle**

Mike made a comment/concern about the layouts should have an overlay to get a better idea fo the these plans.

Q: Who will control the workers coming and going? A: There will be security measures in place for background checks, etc. BPS and Turner Group have documentation of this.

**Mike, 90 Pasture Lane**

Q: We are 38% over capacity, what about other school?

A: We do not have that information.

**Jessica, Nathaniel Way**

Q: How long will this project take? A: it will take 24 months in 4 phases beginning June 2017 if passed by the town.

**Mark, Knoll's Farm Road**

Q: Stated that he is not on board because of the cost. Why such a big increase? A: Construction costs, soft costs and interest rates effective the price increase.

**Alison Welch, Palomino Drive**

Q: Why is there a need for 2 music rooms? A: The AVS music teacher responded and explained the difference between band and music classes and how different they are to use space.

**John K, Raymond Road**

Q: Is there a GMP? Will BPS and Turner report who their workers and contractors? A: Yes, there is a GMP that is the price on the warrant article. Yes, they will report and they do a good job with that to inform us.

**Mary Royer, Bunker Hill Road**

Q: Is the cost for furniture included? A: Yes it is included in the soft costs and we will reuse furniture that we have in good condition.

**Pat Kelly, Westward Drive**

Q: Will this affect the manual operating budget? A: The staff should be about the same, maybe some increase in maintenance. We will see a savings in energy costs. However, not enough details at this time to determine that yet.

Q: What about SPED Costs? A: We will be able to bring in more therapies rather than sending students out. We can save on tuition costs.

**Ryan Grant, Harvard Ave**

Made a statement that the construction cost inflation is about 6-8% increase since last year.

**ADJOURNMENT:** 7:47PM

**NAME OF RECORDING SECRETARY:** Samantha Belcourt