

Caleb Dustin Hunking School – Haverhill, MA	Meeting Minutes
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<u>School Building Committee (SBC)</u>	Date:	July 23, 2013
	Location:	Haverhill City Hall, Mayor's Office
	Time:	8:00 AM

Attendees:

Name	Assoc.	Present	Name	Assoc.	Present
<u>School Building Committee (Voting):</u>			<u>Public:</u>		
Mayor James J. Fiorentini	SBC	Y	City Councilor – Colin LePage		Y
Superintendent James F. Scully	SBC	Y			
Charles Benevento	SBC	Y	<u>Haverhill Public Schools (HPS)</u>		
Robert DeFusco	SBC	Y	Beverly Woodhouse	HPS	Y
Robert Driscoll	SBC	Y	Beverly Cassano	HPS	N
Jonathan Goldfield	SBC	Y			
Michael Peugh	SBC	Y	<u>Joslin Lesser + Assocs. (JLA)</u>		
Robert Scatamacchia	SBC	N	Bill Cuniff	JLA	Y
David Van Dam	SBC	Y	Jeffery Luxenberg	JLA	N
Scott Wood	SBC	Y	Jennifer Gareau	JLA	Y
			Stephanie Gilman	JLA	Y
<u>School Building Committee (Non-Voting):</u>					
Thomas Geary	SBC	N	<u>JCJ Architecture (JCJ)</u>		
Principal Jared Fulgoni	SBC	N	James LaPosta	JCJ	Y
Mary Malone	SBC	Y	Stephen Armington	JCJ	Y
Kara Kosmes	SBC	N	Jim Hoagland	JCJ	Y

Mayor James Fiorentini called the meeting to order

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes from July 9, 2013 SBC Meeting:

MOTION made by J. Goldfield, seconded by R. Driscoll, and approved unanimously, to approve the July 9, 2013 SBC meeting minutes.

2. Approval of Jim Hoagland:

MOTION made by J. Goldfield, seconded by J. Scully, and approved unanimously, to approve Jim Hoagland as the new project architect at JCJ Architecture for the Caleb Dustin Hunking School Project.

3. Grade Configuration / Enrollment / Educational Plan:

JCJ explained that geotechnical testing on the current Hunking site shows the site is buildable, and that building on the existing fields is still a viable option according to the findings. JCJ's analysis of the building's existing conditions shows that the current building is not ADA accessible, that the windows and MEP systems (minus the relatively new boiler) are outdated and are in need of replacement, there is asbestos in the basement and possibly in the roof. The current building has adequate sewer capacity, but the project should increase water service for fire protection purposes.

JCJ explained the Preliminary Design Program (PDP) to the SBC and outlined the Educational Plan, which is a major part of the PDP submission.

JCJ presented an options analysis matrix that shows what has been reviewed so far. Greenleaf is not ADA accessible according to regulation. JLA explained that he law cannot shut the school down based on this fact, however, operating a public school that is not ADA accessible becomes a Federal issue dealing with Civil Rights, and the City could be sued over the issue. JCJ explained that some of the options being studied would accommodate students from Greenleaf, allowing Greenleaf to close.

Based on the SBC's last meeting, where the SBC decided to pursue options on the existing Hunking site, JCJ presented three options for each of the four enrollment options that the City is still considering. These options included two addition-renovation options, 2A renovates one classroom wing and some core spaces, while 2B would only renovate the gym and build the rest new, and option 3 involves building an entirely new school on the existing site's play fields.

The Mayor requested that a more in depth cost analysis be done for each of the options. He requested members of the SBC to weigh in on the options presented. S. Wood explained that he felt a K-8 school would be tough to get the community to pass because of its size and the fact that larger schools are more expensive to build. Councilman LePage felt that options 2B and 3 are the best options because they will have the least amount of impact on the students and will be quicker, and ultimately safer to build.

The Mayor explained that JCJ's findings confirm that the story about the school being built on an old wetland is folklore and that building on the current site is a viable option. He stated that he believes a less expensive, smaller school would be more likely to pass a community vote. JCJ noted that option 2A would require additional, temporary swing space for students during construction, and that the MSBA does not reimburse this temporary space, which is very expensive.

MOTION made by S. Wood, seconded by J. Goldfield, and approved unanimously, to approve that JCJ move forward with options 2A, 2B and 3 and all four enrollment options.

R. DeFusco asked what the project cost would need to be under in order to keep residents' taxes the same as they have been while they were paying off the debts from previous projects now that those debts are coming off the books soon. The Mayor responded that preliminary analysis shows that the project would need to stay under \$60 Million in order to keep taxes about the same as they are currently for residents.

4. Public Comment

Councilor LePage asked about the meeting regarding modular construction that JCJ and JLA attended last month. Both companies stated that the meeting was extremely informative and that they were happy to learn that modular construction is a potentially viable option for the Hunking project. JLA noted that modular construction likely will not save the project money, but that it would save the project time. Both JCJ and JLA have further questions on modular, and will do more research on it during the design phase.

5. Other Business

There is no new business.

6. Upcoming Meetings

- SBC Meeting - Thursday, 8/29/13, 7p.m.

MOTION made by S. Wood, seconded by J. Goldfield and approved unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

Prepared by: Jennifer Gareau, Joslin, Lesser + Associates

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