

School Facilities Committee Meeting
March 26, 2015
Minutes

Meeting opened at 4:45 p.m. by KC Kato. In attendance: Jack Morgan, Matt Kelley, Sharon Gray, David Lussier, Joe McDonough, Hans Larsen, Tom Goemaat.

KC Kato welcomed Jack Morgan (Board of Selectmen) and Sharon Gray (School Committee) to their new positions. Jack Morgan, formerly community representative to SFC, will now be representing the Board of Selectmen, replacing David Murphy.

Citizen Speak

No citizens requested to speak.

Approval of 2/10/15 Meeting Minutes

Sharon Gray made a motion to approve the minutes. Jack Morgan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Hardy/Hunnewell/Upham

Superintendent David Lussier brought up the SOIs (statements of interest) to be filed by the Wellesley Public Schools to the MSBA regarding Hardy, Hunnewell and Upham. The submittals must be ratified by both the Board of Selectmen and School Committee. The process will be complete by the deadline of April 10.

This is the third consecutive year SOIs have been filed with the MSBA on behalf of these projects.

KC Kato said it is important to pull together a timeline on HHU, and suggested that the community should consider moving forward with the project(s) after this MSBA grant cycle is complete.

Hans Larsen stated that it would be better to get in front of the community sooner rather than later with a recommendation. David Lussier suggested public meetings could begin as early as this spring and into September/October. Joe McDonough said a request for feasibility study funds could be put to Special Town Meeting in fall 2015.

The timeline for a potential consolidation (from 3 schools to 2) was discussed further:

- Feasibility funds for new school: Fall 2015
- Schematic design and detailed design funds for new school: Spring 2016
- Construction funds: Fall 2017
- School opens Fall 2019 or 2020
- A Hunnewell renovation would follow, potentially opening in fall of 2021

Next Steps:

SFC will request additional funding for \$50,000 at ATM for further study of HHU and traffic review.

More information is needed (SMMA estimates for renovation of all three schools, enrollment data/GIS mapping, potential efficiencies) before SFC can present a recommendation to the community.

KC Kato reminded the group that it would be her last meeting as a member of the School Facilities Committee. The committee members welcomed Matt Kelley as the new chair.

Motion to adjourn made by Matt Kelley and seconded by Sharon Gray. The motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.