

**School Facilities Committee Meeting
August 19, 2015
Superintendent's Conference Room**

The meeting was called to order at approximately 7:30 a.m. by chair Matt Kelley. In attendance: Executive Director Hans Larsen, Superintendent David Lussier, Facilities Maintenance Director Joe McDonough, School Committee Chair Matt Kelley, Jack Morgan of the Board of Selectmen, Assistant Superintendent Judy Belliveau, Sharon Gray of School Committee, and Joel Seeley of Symmes Maini and McKee Associates.

Approval of 6/23/15 Meeting Minutes

Mr. McDonough made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Morgan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Citizen Speak

No citizens requested to speak.

Hardy, Hunnewell and Upham Rehabilitation Projects

Mr. Kelley informed the group that he had begun working on a schedule for community outreach meetings to discuss the SFC's recommendations for Hardy, Hunnewell and Upham. The tentative schedule includes:

- September 29 - Interboard meeting and first presentation of recommendations
- October 5 - Evening meeting at Hardy
- October 6 - Evening meeting at Upham
- October 7 - Evening meeting at Hunnewell
- October 14 - Evening meeting with community

Mr. Kelley shared a first draft of the presentation. Committee members made suggestions on how best to explain the challenges that students and educators face with each building, and the various options for resolving those challenges.

One concern that emerged was the difficulty of creating swing space (in the form of approximately 30 modulars) for an entire elementary school population if the SFC were to recommend renovating all three buildings.

Mr. Larsen noted that every option has its difficulties. Given that there is no perfect solution, some tradeoffs will need to be made.

Mr. Seeley said he will provide the SFC with escalated and soft cost estimates for the top three options, in addition to the construction estimates already provided.

The top three options are: 1) A “light” renovation of all three elementary schools; 2) Close Hardy, build a larger Upham and expand Hunnewell; and 3) Close Upham, build a larger Hardy and expand Hunnewell.

The group agreed to aim for a total elementary capacity of about 2500 students, which would meet district needs for many years.

The SFC tentatively planned to ask for feasibility and schematic design funds at the 2016 Annual Town Meeting, followed by a request for detailed design and construction funds at the 2017 Annual Town Meeting.

Next Steps

The SFC will meet in September to vote on final recommendations for HHU.

Adjournment

At approximately 10:20 a.m., Mr. Morgan made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Gray seconded. The motion passed unanimously.