

**School Facilities Committee Meeting  
September 23, 2015  
Superintendent's Conference Room**

The meeting was called to order at approximately 8:05 a.m. by chair Matt Kelley. In attendance: Executive Director Hans Larsen, Facilities Maintenance Director Joe McDonough, School Committee Chair Matt Kelley, Jack Morgan of the Board of Selectmen, Tom Goemaat, Assistant Superintendent Judy Belliveau, Sharon Gray of School Committee, and Alex Pitkin of Symmes Maini and McKee Associates.

**Approval of 8/19/15 Meeting Minutes**

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

**Citizen Speak**

No citizens requested to speak.

**Hardy, Hunnewell and Upham Rehabilitation Discussion**

Mr. Kelley reviewed the schedule for community outreach meetings to discuss the SFC's recommendations for Hardy, Hunnewell and Upham. The schedule for the public presentations is as follows:

- 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. Pitkin, representing SMMA, presented the SFC with estimated total cost for three construction options for HHU, including escalated and soft costs.

Total for new Hardy/close Upham/expanded Hunnewell: approximately \$100 million.  
Total for new Upham/closed Hardy/expanded Hunnewell: about \$105 million. The third option, a Fiske/Schofield-style lighter renovation of all three schools, has a cost estimate of about \$64 million.

Mr. Kelley went over several slides related to his presentation. The group discussed how best to describe the current critical deficiencies of the three buildings, including the structure/framing, building envelope, energy efficiency, end of life systems and lack of compliance to current building codes.

The committee discussed the need for a capacity of 2,500 students. If enrollment declines as predicted to about 2,000 elementary students, the six remaining schools will operate at about 80 percent capacity. Mr. Pitkin noted that targeting about 90 percent capacity is better for towns. The consensus among SFC members was that the town needed to prepare for the next 50 years and retain capacity included in the consolidation plan, which is approximately 2,570 students.

### **Vote on HHU Recommendation**

Mr. Morgan moved to approve a recommendation for the construction of a new school at Upham, a renovation/addition at Hunnewell, and the eventual closing of Hardy School. Mr. Goemaat seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0.

Upon School Committee approval of the plan, the SFC plans to move forward with a request for feasibility and schematic design funds at the 2016 Annual Town Meeting, possibly as an official School Building Committee.

### **Adjournment**

At approximately 9:25 a.m., Mr. Kelley made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Gray seconded. The motion passed unanimously.