

Middle School – School Building Committee and School Committee

Minutes – September 20, 2010

9:00 am

In attendance for School Committee: KC Kato, Ilissa Povich, Suzi Newman

In attendance for School Building Committee: Terri Tsagaris, KC Kato, Bella Wong, Chris Ketchen, John Moran, Rob Shupe, Jack Haley

No one for Citizen Speak.

Approval of minutes from August 25, 2010 meeting.

KC Kato made a presentation on the history of the middle school expansion project beginning with the initial feasibility study in the Summer of 2009 and going through current enrollment and space needs.

The space needs and enrollment numbers as of Summer 2009 were reviewed together with all expansion options including various additions to the middle school, relocation of Central Administration and internal renovations.

In the Fall of 2009, the needs were revised and the SBC formed. Based upon the enrollment figures and space needs, additional alternatives were considered including non-construction options. Frank Locker, an educational consultant was engaged to review whether spaces could be gained through better utilization of spaces and possible changes in the structure and schedule at the middle school.

A second feasibility study was conducted which included additional modular and addition options, as well as internal renovations and utilization changes. Some internal spaces were determined not to be viable and additions were not necessary. Utilization improvements were discussed as well as viable internal renovations.

As a result of the new enrollment figures as of September 17, options narrowed to three. Options X and Y include utilization improvements and internal renovations. Option X estimated cost is \$950,000 and Option Y estimated cost is

\$1.34 million. Option Z assumes that Central Administration is relocated – construction cost to renovate space is estimated at \$938,000 not including rent for Central Administration and renovating space for CA return.

These options will be further discussed and a vote taken at the next SBC meeting.

Next meeting: Monday, September 27 at 7:30 am in Juliani Room. Joint meeting with School Committee