

# East Greenwich School Committee

## Building Committee

Thursday, March 10, 2022

### Minutes

Attendees: EGSD: Alyson Powell (BC Chair), Bob Wilmarth (EG Fac. Dir.), Kevin Murphy (SC Mem), Alexis Meyer (Supt.), Maggie Baker (Fin. Dir.), Neil Marcaccio (MTSS/Principal), Michael Podraza (Asst. Supt.), Dan Seger (Principal) COLLIERS: Chris Speigel, JAED: Phil Conte, Nate Ginsburg, TOWN: Andy Nota (Town Mgr.), Mark Schwager (Town Council); Community: Emily Klein  
(Community member Jeff Dronzek was unable to attend, but communicated his support for the proposal to Alyson Powell via text message on 3/10/22.)

#### Discussion:

Further discussion of recommended master plan proposal: The BC entertained further discussion about whether to move forward and recommend a proposed master plan solution to the full school committee. Colliers and Studio JAED reiterated the reasoning behind the recommendation, and stated that they had spent time since the last meeting trying to "poke holes" in the recommendation, but that they still felt strongly that the data is pointing us in the direction of the following: New construction at Frenchtown to house all grade 3-5 classes; additions and renovations at Meadowbrook farms; additions and renovations at Hanaford with conversion of this school to a PK-2; additional and renovations at EGHS. Colliers also informed the group that RIDE would extend the deadline for our Stage II submission from September 2022 to February 2023 with no impact on approval timing, which would afford us ample time to create an excellent submission and still allow us to have a ballot referendum in Spring 2023 as planned.

Following Colliers presentation, Mr. Wilmarth moved that "the School Building Committee, in compliance with the RIDE-SBA Necessity of Construction Application Process, advance Option 4 E to the School Committee for review as the preferred Design Program." The motion was seconded y Mr. Podraza.

Discussion followed. The new submission timing was well received by the group, particularly Town Manager Nota who felt that the additional time would allow us to really gain the community support and momentum needed to bring a successful bond initiative.

After discussion ended, members of the BC in attendance voted 8-0 to recommend the proposed master plan solution to the full School Committee. (Yes votes included: Alyson Powell, Bob Wilmarth, Kevin Murphy, Alexis Meyer, Neil Marcaccio, Michael Podraza, Maggie Baker, and Andy Nota.)

The recommendation will be made at a special meeting of the School Committee tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, March 29, 2022 at 7pm. Location TBD.