

RIVERFIELD SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE

SPECIAL MEETING

Riverfield School, APR

OCTOBER 16, 2012 at 7:30 PM

DRAFT MINUTES

Members Present: Harry Ackley; Dorothy Domekia; Don Graziadei; Christine Messina, Vice Chairman (8:10); Tom Quinn, Chairman; Lawrence Ratner, Secretary; Maureen Sawyer; John Shaffer; Scott Thompson; Pamela Iacono, BOE Liaison

Others Present: Brenda Anziano, Riverfield Principal; Sal Morabito, BOE Manager of Construction, Security and Safety; Kenneth Boroson, Kenneth Boroson Architects; George Katinger, Kenneth Boroson Architects; Brian Stone, Kenneth Boroson Architects; Sean Sullivan, Strategic Building Solutions; Kristen Tharrington, PTA President Elect; members of the public

1) CALL TO ORDER

Tom Quinn, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm

2) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3) PRESENTATION OF OPTIONS BY KENNETH BOROSON ARCHITECTS

Ken Boroson and George Katinger discussed Scheme 2A, Revised Scheme 2B and Scheme 3.

Explained how Scheme 2A would be way over budget and therefore recommended that the committee not pursue this option.

Described Scheme 2B and how they made changes based on comments made by Board of Education, Principal and neighbors from a special neighbors meeting and came up with the Revised Scheme 2B.

Revised Scheme 2B: some of the changes mentioned - gym is smaller than the original plan adding approximately 800 sq ft to include stage area, enlarge the front entrance of the school, added extra classroom to the wing, extended kitchen, 224 seats for cafeteria, gym to seat 315, 50 ft setback from neighbors, Kindergarten classrooms, parent drop off – room for parents to parking in front of building but still allowing space for cars to pass, parking for 98 cars, parking

lot with a possible turnaround for cars so entrance road is no longer a one way (possibility – but not something they are supporting), bus drop off, fence and raised crossways for the children to cross to school, enclosed dumpsters and location of the dumpsters, working on swing space for classrooms – possible relocate the portables where the basketball courts are, several mature trees will need to be removed but will re-landscape, access road behind the building for emergency vehicles, work with the Town Engineer, Fire Marshall and Town Building Departments, play area and basketball courts remain the same, courtyard with artificial turf, phasing is complicated for this scheme.

Scheme 3: demolish wing and move gym to this location- footprint similar to existing wing, demolish existing gym and put in a 2 story classroom addition with a smaller footprint, no courtyard, changes in other rooms, music suite by gym, language arts, speech, OP, expanded kitchen, 53 ft. setback from neighbors, 315 gym seating capacity, additional bathrooms, elevator, playground and basketball courts remain the same, dumpster and parking are the same as Scheme 2B, lighting requirements

Additional concerns expressed by committee: additional lockers, high performance heating/cooling systems, phasing, the courtyard space in 2B would be used for quiet time not playground time, traffic flow concerns during the day.

Architects: Will submit a program sheet with all the square footage. Would like to present revised 2B and 3 prices at the November 20th meeting. Next presentation will be in a 3D elevation format. Touched on schematic design phase, still need to make phasing decisions and pricing and will work with Construction Manager once the committee hires them.

Public Comments:

Tiffany Vlandis, Walbin Court: would prefer to see one way road versus two way entrance road as it is a safety concern for the walkers

Brenda Anziano, Riverfield Principal: also concerned having a two way road, talked about the upper level parking area, liked the idea of raised walkways, does not like having parents parking and walking their children by the bus loop

Kieran Cassidy, Hunter Road: thinks parking should be increased since the capacity of the school is being increased; does not want to see any more storage containers on the property, perhaps Parks & Rec can have some storage in the building

Pam Iacono, BOE Liaison: BoE cannot make the commitment regarding the storage units

Bob Rosario, Hunter Road: asked about the price variance between 2B & 3.

Mr. Quinn (in response to Mr. Rosario's comments): once the committee knows the numbers on the two designs, they will make a decision.

4) COMMITTEE DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE VOTE ON WHICH OPTIONS SHOULD MOVE FORWARD TO NEXT STAGE OF SECURING ORDER OF MAGNITUDE COSTING

Motion was made by Mr. Ratner and seconded by Mr. Thompson to approve permission to Kenneth Boroson Architects to create order of magnitude costing for scheme 2B and 3 for November 20th meeting.

Motion passed unanimous

5) ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm

Next meeting will be held on October 30, Tuesday, 7:30 pm at Riverfield Elementary School in the library.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lawrence Ratner, Secretary

Charlotte Leslie, Recording Secretary