

Alicia Evans shared the history of the project and expressed the goal of completing the project prior to the 2018-2019 school year. She explained that the addition will be paid for out of DSEB dollars. Additionally, she noted that DSEB dollars are limited to \$16,000,000 and all required Life Safety work throughout the district must be covered by DSEB as well. She suggested that some of the Life Safety work can be postponed. Jennifer Costanzo from STR Architects introduced two site options for the Board's consideration.

#### Option A

The original plan, at an estimated cost of \$5,587,000, would add a one-story addition and 5 classrooms on the west side of the existing structure. This option would only provide enough classroom space to meet the upcoming needs, and would not address the deficiencies in the special areas (lunchroom, music, art, gym).

#### Option B

At an estimated cost of \$8,760,000, would add an additional 11,850 square feet of space to the existing building. This option would add a two story addition with 6 classrooms on the west and an expansion on the east. Additionally, the kitchen would be expanded, and the multi-purpose room and media centers would be remodeled and reconfigured to meet the needs of 21 century learning spaces. Costanzo noted that the project would include a teacher meeting space and a classroom space that could be used as a project based learning area when it is not needed as a standard classroom.

Paul May from FAC explained the purpose and charge of the Facilities Advisory Committee (FAC) and shared the process that was followed to bring the committee to a recommendation this evening. He noted that the concept was approved previously and consideration was now being given to alternatives. He shared that both options would be on the Kenilworth side of the building (west), which would require utilities to be relocated; however, Option B may not require the relocation of the water main. It was noted that the district would not need to revisit the location option with the Village. May continued by sharing that the FAC committee expresses a preference to Option B.

May explained that two proposals were shared that stayed within the \$16,000,000 DSEB budget. Option 1 totals \$15,893,000 and Option 2 at \$15,939,000, which would defer the work at Longfellow and a majority of the work (exit signage, door stops, caulking, etc.) could be completed by members of the District's maintenance team. This option could include the work needed at Lincoln to minimize the cost.

Board comments and questions included;

- Interest in classroom space for co-teaching and GTD. It was noted that some small spaces within the existing building will remain and can be used for tutoring, pullout or office space.
- Interest in knowing if the other schools have two music rooms. It was reported that some of the schools use the stage or multipurpose room for a second music space, which limits the use of the common areas for other activities.
- Interest was expressed in knowing more about the original option that included a two story addition on the West side of the building. It was noted that the option in question did not include expansion of the common areas.
- Concern was expressed about other schools wanting similar renovations and if the budget would allow such requests. It was suggested that the Cap-X would need to be reviewed.
- Interest was expressed in completing Option B in phases. It was noted that there would be cost savings by completing all the work at one time. Additionally, concern was expressed about extending the work over two summers, as it could impact summer programming.

- Concern was expressed regarding the garden space that is currently in the addition location. It was noted that the rock garden is not being used and the plan is to relocate the rocks to a new patio area.
- Interest was expressed in knowing if the recent hurricane damage could impact the construction and ability to obtain materials. It was noted that supplies could be delayed, but the orders would be placed far enough in advance to minimize this concern.

May noted the importance of completing all the work at Holmes School in one construction season, and Peter Kuhn from Bully and Andrews assured the Board that if they approve one of the options during their September 26, 2017 meeting, the work will be completed in time for the 2018-2019 school year. Additionally, monthly reports will be supplied to the Board.

A brief discussion regarding the demographics study took place. Zelaya reported that the study was right on target relating to this year's enrollment at Holmes School.

It was noted that per square foot, Option B is a less expensive option. That is partially because a two story structure and common areas are less expensive to build.

It was reported that Bulley and Andrews has already begun to communicate needs to the utility companies. A Plot of Survey has been prepared for this purpose, and Nicor has assured them that they can have the gas moved by February 1, 2018. The work should not cause any outages in the building and should not impact the playground area.

Public comment was actually Q&A. The questions were primarily technical in nature and answered to each participant's satisfaction. No member of the public expressed an opinion of one Option over the other.