

Whitman-Hanson Regional School District
Whitman Middle School Feasibility Study
Building Committee Meeting
Held on January 11, 2021
Zoom Meeting virtually held for the
Whitman Middle School
100 Corthell Avenue, Whitman

Meeting Convened: 5:30 p.m.

Meeting Adjourned: 5:56 p.m.

Committee Members Present: Frederick Small, John Tuffy, Daniel Cullity,
Christopher Scriven, Jeffrey Szymaniak, George Ferro,
Ernie Sandland, Kerri Sandler, Crystal Regan, Robert Curran,
John Galvin, David Cordero, Don Esson, Rich Pulkinen,
Beth Stafford

Committee Members Absent: Lisa Green and Randy LaMattina

Chair Small, brought the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and stated that the meeting was being recorded for broadcast at a later date.

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Silence

I. Call to Order

II. Approval of October 19, 2020 Meeting Minutes

VOTE: John Galvin motioned; Daniel Cullity seconded; voted by roll call to approve the meeting minutes of the October 19, 2020 meeting.

Frederick Small – Yes

John Tuffy- Yes

Daniel Cullity – Yes

Christopher Scriven – Yes

Jeffrey Szymaniak – Yes

George Ferro – Yes

Ernie Sandland – Yes

Kerri Sandler – Yes

Crystal Regan – Yes

Robert Curran – Yes

John Galvin – Yes

David Cordero – Yes

Don Esson – Yes

Rich Pulkinen – Yes

Beth Stafford – Abstain

The motion passed with one abstention.

III. MSBA Enrollment Forecast

Mr. Szymaniak reported on a conference call meeting with the MSBA held on December 9, 2020 regarding projected enrollment for the middle school project. The MSBA projected 600 students for enrollment for a grade 5 – 8 middle school. This number is less than the district’s enrollment projection. A meeting is scheduled with Robert Curran, the Whitman Building Inspector, to review residential construction data and building permits that were issued from 2017 to present. This information may support an increase to the projected enrollment. Mr. Szymaniak is considering an affiliation with the New England School Development Council (NESDEC) to assist with updated enrollment projections.

Mr. Szymaniak reported that the feasibility study agreement is due on February 26, 2021 (as listed on the Schedule of Deliverables to MSBA). The Feasibility Study will not move forward until enrollment numbers are agreed upon. The Committee discussed historical populations at the middle school as well as previous residential construction impacting student enrollments. The Committee briefly discussed the methodology used by the MSBA to calculate the enrollment projections.

Mr. Szymaniak summarized the next steps:

- Review the residential construction data from the Whitman Building Inspector
- Draft a letter to the MSBA supporting the district enrollment projections
- Include updated projected enrollment reports with the MSBA letter
- The next Deliverable to the MSBA is the Feasibility Study Agreement

Mr. Szymaniak will continue to keep the Committee informed relative to the communications with the MSBA.

IV. Determine next meeting date

The next Building Committee meeting was scheduled for February 8, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.

V. Adjournment

VOTE: Dan Cullity motioned; Beth Stafford seconded; voted by roll call to adjourn the meeting at 5:56 p.m.

Frederick Small – Yes

John Tuffy- Yes

Daniel Cullity – Yes

Christopher Scriven – Yes

Jeffrey Szymaniak – Yes

George Ferro – Yes

Ernie Sandland – Yes

Kerri Sandler – Yes

Crystal Regan – Yes

Robert Curran – Yes

John Galvin – Yes

David Cordero – Yes

Don Esson – Yes

Rich Pulkinen – Yes

Beth Stafford - Yes

The motion passed unanimously.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Lori Wright

Meeting Handouts:

Meeting Agenda

Meeting Minutes

WHRSD Preliminary Enrollment Report

MSBA MS Enrollment Projections Report