

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
JOINT MEETING WITH E.S.B.C.
Wednesday, June 15, 2016 7:00 PM
Veterans Memorial Building, Room 229
900 Main Street, Millis, MA 02054**

Present: Chairman James Neville and Clerk Catherine MacInnes

The Board of Selectmen is attending the Elementary School Building Committee(ESBC) meeting regarding the preferred Clyde Brown School renovation options.

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Neville called the Selectmen’s meeting to order at 7:03 pm, noting the Board of Selectmen meeting was posted to allow discussion. Jennifer Soule called the School Committee meeting to order.

Tim Bonfatti of Compass Project Management, the OPM presented the timeline for the preferred options of the Permanent Building Committee forums that were held inviting public comment in the process. In September, M.S.B.A. will vote on the preferred schematic. The land has park restrictions that Town Meeting has to vote on again at the November Town Meeting. March, 2017 vote by M.S.B.A. on entire project and Town will vote at May Annual Town Meeting and Ballot questions.

Charlie Hay from Tappe Architects presents the five options:

1. 1A-1 Renovate existing school—code upgrade option, no addition. Requires modular classrooms, two year process, trailers not M.S.B.A. reimbursable. Does not meet school education plan. Does not accommodate the 5th Grade.
2. 1A-2 Expand existing Clyde Brown School, expands parking and bus routes. Adds two storage wings to building. Also requires modular trailers. Also includes loss of use of several facilities for a period of time—gym, office, cafeteria. Three year construction process. Modular trailers will be in baseball fields, losing fields for a period of time.
3. 1B-2 New school on the hill, puts parking where school is now. Maintains basketball and tennis courts. Evacuating and clearing required. Meets school education plan. Separates bus and car traffic. Creates three distinct zones, K-2, 3-5, and a public zone. Classroom areas can be separated from the public zone so school can be used for public meetings and uses.
4. 1C-3 Located where tennis courts and basketball courts are located. Relocates baseball field, tennis courts and basketball court to where Clyde Brown School is now. Impacts on McCabe and Monroe Streets. Separates Veterans Memorial Building from roadway. Separate public zone. Controlled entrance point.

Jeff D’Amico of Compass reviewed and evaluated a matrix of options. Cost—add renovation less than renovation, new building are 4% higher. Add renovation and new school option are three year projects.

Joyce Boiardi asked question about costs which were answered by Mr. Klocko of the E.S.B.C. Also asked about land swapping. Mr. Klocko of the E.S.B.C. said if some land needs to be swapped, after the vote tonight when the option is selected, then we can develop an exact number of acres of land. Joyce Boiardi asked about which option best addresses our future student population. Nancy Gustafson said options 3 & 4 best address the education plan by having more flexible space. Craig Schultze said we would have a firm cost estimate by February. Enrollment numbers have been vetted by the State.

Operating staff costs will be the same, operating expenses should be lower. Wayne Klocko said there is additional flexibility for the High School moving the 5th Grade to the Clyde Brown School from the High School.

Richard Nichols spoke about keeping the costs and impact on residents in mind when choosing an option.

Meghan Kelope preferred Option C, but pointed out that Medway has had financial difficulties after opening a new High School. Impacts on the playground were mentioned. Wayne Klocko says playgrounds and gazebo are preserved in all of the options.

Joyce Boiardi asked if kids could be educated at another site while the construction is ongoing. Wayne Klocko said there is no other facility in Town to do this.

Ms. MacInnes and Craig Schultze pointed out that Medway's problems were not related to the High School, that there are other financial issues.

Sharon Egler of Dale Avenue asked about land swap votes. Wayne Klocko said since we had no final option we could not estimate the size of the land swap, but it is probably in the 3-4 acre range.

Kathi Smith asked about the Sisto Little League Field. Craig Schultze said the little league field would remain intact. The area behind home plate will be parking and outside the outfield.

Peter Jurmain asked what flexibility and expansion options are available. Nancy Gustafson said swing spaces can be converted into new classrooms. Tim Bonfatti said a 10-15% enrollment increase can be accommodated.

Jim Neville wants clarity on costs and maximizing funding. Option 1 gets the least amount of funding and Option 2 has modular costs that are not reimbursable. Options 3 & 4 seem to maximize grant funds. Wayne Klocko said Option 1 gets least reimbursement. Option 2 addition renovation is most expensive option. Option 3 is 4% over baseline and Option 4 is 2.6% over baseline. Wayne Klocko notes that Options 3 & 4 are a better value.

Jim Neville also asked what the original construction date was. The answer is 1954.

Wayne Klocko said that E.S.B.C. voting members are the members of the Permanent Building Committee, but we want the view of all Committee members. A poll of the ESBC members unanimously voted for Option 4. Professionals are for Option 4. As were members of the audience.

Wayne Klocko asked Permanent Building Committee members to vote.

ESBC vote: **Motion by Craig Schultze, seconded by Denise Gibbons to vote for Option 4. The motion passed unanimously in favor of Option 4 with a vote of 5 for and 0 against.**

ADJOURNMENT 8:40 PM

Motion by Jim Neville, seconded by Cathy MacInnes to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously in favor with the vote of 2 in favor and 0 against.

Respectfully submitted: Charles Aspinwall