

Minutes

East Bridgewater High School Building Committee

March 11, 2010 Meeting

Members present: Susan Cote, Patricia Lugo, Paul Vieira, Cheryl Pooler, Martin Crowley, David Floeck, Dom DeAngelo, Theresa McNulty, Elizabeth Hayes, George McCabe, Tom Hamilton

Meeting opened at 5:20

The committee discussed the responsibilities of the chair and elected Martin Crowley and David Floeck as co-chairs. There were three abstentions from nonvoting members. Voting members voted yes unanimously.

The Committee addressed the question: Where does this new building project fit in with the town's current budget issues?

- All members present believed the two issues should be kept separate. The high school building project is a long-range plan that we are addressing due to an invitation to partner with the MSBA. The current budget issues are operational issues.
- The condition of the high school needs to be addressed whether or not there are operational budget issues.
- NEASC accreditation concerns require us to pursue this building project.
- We need to separate the day-to-day operations of the school and town with the long range needs of the town.
- Timing is right. Construction costs are down and an upswing is predicted over the next several years.
- The timing of momentum for the project and the town vote need to coincide.
- Our strategy should be proactive: get information out to the community before they ask the questions. Educate them,

The committee discussed next steps.

- Dave Floeck will contact the Superintendent and School Committee Chair that were in place when Whitman-Hanson was in the building project pipeline and invite them in to the next meeting.
- We need to set a date to meet with the MSBA about enrollment figures. March 22, 23 or 24 are good for most committee members. Members who can meet in Boston will do that, others will join meeting through conference call.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00.