The agenda for the meeting was for HMFH Architects and New Vista Design to present their plans to review structural aspects and create educational specifications for Rundlett Middle School (RMS). The plan will include ideas for engaging staff, administrators, parents and community members to work with HMFH Architects and New Vista Design to complete a study of the middle school facility this spring.

The meeting was called to order at 5:31 p.m. by Jim Richards, who introduced HMFH and Laura Wernick of the HMFH team. Ms. Wernick reviewed highlights from the interview conducted by the selection committee November 2016. She emphasized HMFH’s previous work in Concord and how they had formed a solid connection with the community during those projects. Ms. Wernick introduced her team, including Tina Stanislaski, Bobby Williams, David Stephen of New Vista Design, their educational consultant, and RFS Engineering.

Ms. Stanislavski and Mr. Williams, architects, reviewed Winchester Middle High, a recently completed new school facility similar in size to RMS. The architects invited the group to the center of the room, where they engaged in an exercise to look at a physical 3D model, which could be moved, switched around and manipulated, to show how early phase design can be developed. Ms. Wernick added further detail to this exercise and other work that the team would be providing to Concord.

David Stephen of New Vista Design then presented an overview of the educational visioning process. Mr. Stephen engaged the audience in a group activity involving a technique known as SCOG (Strengths, Challenges, Opportunities and Goals), in which he asked questions about the middle school community’s strengths, challenges, opportunities and goals. Mr. Stephen recorded ideas that were offered by attendees (both Board members and community members) on chart paper. The exercise proved very helpful and gave members a sense of the team’s work with the District over the next four to five months. He mentioned that several meetings would be scheduled with
groups consisting of teachers, students, administrators, parents and members of the public as the process goes on.

After a series of questions by members, Ms. Wernick explained that the HMFH team is very excited to work on this project for Rundlett Middle School.

The joint committee voted 6-0 to adjourn (motioned by Maureen Redmond-Scura, seconded by Nathan Fennessy).

The meeting adjourned at 7:01 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Richards, chairperson, Capital Facilities Committee
Alana Kimball, chairperson, Instructional Committee
Matt Cashman, Recorder