Concord School District
Capital Facilities Committee

Committee members present: Jim Richards, Chair, Pam Wicks, Nancy Kane, Danielle Smith

Date: June 5, 2019

Other Board member(s) present: Jennifer Patterson, Liza Poinier

Administration: Terri Forsten, Superintendent, Jack Dunn, Business Administrator, Matt Cashman, Director of Facilities and Planning

Agenda:
- Facilities and project history
- Grade levels (5-8 or 6-8)
- Middle school
- Renovate or build new
- Stay on existing site, explore other options, or both
- Financial planning
- Community engagement
- Consideration of a location

Jim Richards opened the meeting at 5:30 p.m. Focusing on Rundlett Middle School, Superintendent Forsten reviewed the project history to date, including visioning and a demographic study.

Superintendent Forsten mentioned that Rundlett currently houses grades 6-8. There have been significant discussions over time about including the 5th grade population at the middle school. The demographic study showed a steady decline in student population over 10 years. Committee members reiterated the need for more public participation, including stakeholders and students, and suggested that more opportunities to engage with the public would be of value before making the decision whether to move the 5th grade population to Rundlett.

Jack Dunn reviewed options for renovating the current building vs. building new. He explained the financial side of these options in terms of bond rates, building aid (with and without aid), tax impacts and assumptions used to calculate the costs. Some Committee members felt that the renovation option should be taken out of consideration.

Mr. Richards made a motion to build a new school.

The Committee voted 4-0 to recommend to the full Board that a new middle school should be built, and that renovation of the existing facility be removed from consideration (motioned by Mr. Richards, seconded by Pam Wicks).

Mr. Dunn presented three property options to consider along with their advantages and disadvantages as a building site. Property #1: existing site, Property #2: Curtisville Rd, and Property #3: One Monitor Drive.
Following a public conversation on three properties for the new middle school, the Committee entered non-public session to hear of other properties currently under consideration for the new middle school.

Nancy Kane made a motion to move into non-public session at 6:30 p.m. under RSA 91-A:3 II (d) that states: “Consideration of the acquisition, sale, or lease of real or personal property which, if discussed in public, would likely benefit a party or parties whose interests are adverse to those of the general community.”

The Committee by roll call voted 4-0 to move into non-public session at 6:30 p.m. under RSA 91-A:3 II (d) (motioned by Ms. Kane, seconded by Ms. Wicks) to discuss a property matter.

Mr. Richards moved to come out of non-public session at 7:42 p.m.

The Committee voted 4-0 to come out of non-public session at 7:42 p.m. (motioned by Mr. Richards, seconded by Ms. Kane).

Mr. Richards made a motion to seal the minutes of the non-public session.

The Committee by roll call voted 4-0 to seal the minutes under RSA 91-A:3 II (d) – property matter, because it was determined that divulgence of this information likely would render a proposed action ineffective (motioned by Mr. Richards, seconded by Ms. Wicks).

Mr. Richards made a motion to adjourn.

The Committee voted 4-0 to adjourn (motioned by Ms. Kane, seconded by Danielle Smith).

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Richards, Chair
Terri Forsten, Recorder