Board of Education
Concord School District
Capital Facilities Committee

School Board Committee: Capital Facilities
Date: June 30, 2010
Committee Members Present: Jack Dunn, Chair, Eric Williams, Clint Cogswell, Bill Glahn (standing in for Kevin Fleming)
Administration: Rob Prohl, Matt Cashman, Sue Noyes
Guests: Pip Lewis & Vassilios Valaez, HMFH; Erin Reardon, Nobis Engineering

Agenda Items: Building Committee items (Kimball pick up/drop off), Kimball Block Properties (Salvage), and historical commemoration.

The meeting began at 6:58 p.m., with Jack Dunn introducing the three agenda items. Mr. Dunn introduced Erin Reardon of Nobis Engineering to explain the revised parent pick up and drop off plan for Kimball. The revised plan called for removing the gate/play area that originally shared the pick up and drop off space. The revision removed the play area and relocated it to the upper North West corner of Rumford Street adjacent to the gymnasium space. The change made the cut through solely dedicated to vehicular pick up and drop off. Clint Cogswell explained his concern about this plan, indicating that he felt the revision took play space away from an already small play area. Eric Williams expressed similar concerns, adding that, if safety is an issue, the District should heavily engage the Safe Routes to School program in the design of this site to maximize walking and biking to school. Sue Noyes offered her support of Option 2, indicating that eliminating the cut through would be a very serious safety concern. Bill Glahn agreed and mentioned that safety is paramount and should override other issues. HMFH replied that its charge was to design a safer site than the existing Kimball site, and its design of pulling student pick up and drop off onto the site is, in their professional opinion, the safest design. HMFH added that a change to remove the cut through from the plan would cause additional design cost, planning delays and that it would need to put in writing its opinion on reduced safety for the site if the change were incorporated. Mr. Dunn called for a vote, and Mr. Cogswell and Mr. Williams voted against Option 2, while Mr. Glahn and Mr. Dunn voted for the option. The final decision will move to the July 6, 2010 Board meeting.

Mr. Dunn introduced the second agenda item, Kimball Block Properties. It was reported by Matt Cashman that prior investigative work indicated that the value of the contents were of little value. The home contents evaluation sources were Frank Eaton (Auctioneer and real estate agent) and Vermont Salvage Company. Members discussed several options, and the committee chose to have the administration contact the Heritage Commission and ask if it would be interested in divesting the contents of the seven
homes. Any proceeds from the contents could be shared with the District to offset costs of construction; the other portion would be considered a donation to the Heritage Commission. This would happen during a set time period. When the time period elapses, the responsibility for remaining divestiture would be put into the scope of work for the selected general contractor.

The third agenda item was a discussion of historical commemoration of the Kimball and Conant sites. The last graduating class photo has been taken at Kimball. There was a recommendation to host an open house/"Trip Down Memory Lane" for past graduates of Kimball and Conant. Professional photographers were discussed as a possibility to help commemorate the structures before they are razed. It was also mentioned that a time capsule could be created with all documents relating to the consolidation effort so that in 75 or 100 years when the topic comes up again, future leaders of the district will have documentation of what had occurred.

The meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jack Dunn, Chair

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