

SOUTH KINGSTOWN SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

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EVENT DETAILS

TOPIC:	School Improvement Project Community Forum/ Workshop
DATE/ TIME:	Saturday, May 20, 2023 @ 9:00 a.m.
LOCATION:	South Kingstown Highschool Cafeteria, 215 Columbia Street, Wakefield, RI 02879
LIVESTREAM:	https://www.youtube.com/@sksbc/streams
PUBLIC COMMENT:	This meeting will include a facilitated Project update followed by community input and Q/A Session. Members of the public are encouraged to attend and actively participate.

MEETING NOTES

Item	Topic
1.	Call to Order/ Roll Call of SBC Members – Mr. Murray opened the meeting. Members present were Lucas Murray and Kate Macinanti.
2.	Introduction, welcome remarks, and general project status update – Mr. Murray updated the audience on the general project status update and the process the would be followed to completion.
3.	Project presentation by Studio JAED - Phil Conte of Studio JAED held an interactive presentation with the community members in attendance. Items discussed during the presentation were as follows: Update on the new SKHS Project (other District Wide facility work has been identified); New SKHS Site Plan and Concept Renderings; Proposed Athletic Fields at Curtis Corner; Schedule & Next Steps followed by a Comments, Questions and Concerns period. The RIDE Stage II process was discussed. The goal for Stage II is to determine a solution to the need approved in the Stage I process which consists of the development and estimating of the project. RIDE Stage II is due September 15, 2023. The School Building Committee anticipates submitting by the end of June 2023, or early July 2023 as both the School Committee and Town Council must approve the School Building Committee's recommendations. Discussion ensued regarding the interior building plan, comparison of the square footage of the existing building vs. the new building; educational needs of the building layout; teachers' input of their needs; as well as student input. Ms. Macinanti shared that the School Committee had recently held a strategic plan meeting which included a large student body population where information was gathered and will be considered as the project progresses. Discussion ensued regarding the student population and the hopes that future students will decide to remain in South Kingstown as this project is completed. CTE programs were shared by Ms. Macinanti; Ms. Whitford spoke to RIDE requirements concerning programs such as CTE. Additional information regarding the maintenance of buildings and RIDE's requirements (3%) was shared by Mr. Murray.
4.	Facilitated community comment/ Q & A session - Mr. Conte facilitated the Community Comment/Q&A session. Community members had the opportunity to speak to the building project, its current status, and their feelings/concerns regarding the project.
5.	Review of next steps and closing remarks – Mr. Murray thanked everyone for coming.
6.	Adjournment – The community forum was adjourned. No votes were taken at this meeting.

NO VOTES WILL BE TAKEN AT THIS MEETING

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