

SOUTH KINGSTOWN SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

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Town Manager



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Member
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Superintendent

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EVENT DETAILS

TOPIC:	School Building Committee - Regular Meeting
DATE/TIME:	November 06, 2024 – 6:00 PM
LOCATION:	Town Council Chambers, 2 nd Floor, 180 High Street, Wakefield, RI
LIVESTREAM:	https://www.youtube.com/@sksbc/streams
PUBLIC COMMENT:	Community member attendee raised concerns regarding the design and budget of the new high school, particularly the increase in square footage from 144,000 to 160,000 and its potential cost implications.

MEETING MINUTES

Item	Topic
1.	<p>Call to Order/Roll Call:</p> <p>The meeting was called to order at 6:01 PM. Members present - Brian Silvia, Dave Palazzetti, Brian Mahoney, Kate Macinanti, Lucas Murray, Chip McGair, Terry Lynch, Michael Podraza, James Manni, Bob Littlefield, Representatives from Left Field (Chris Spiegel), SLAM (Jeffery Bento), Gilbane, and StudioJAED (Phil Conte).</p>
New Business Items:	
2.	<p>Discussion/Action: Community Correspondence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A request was received from a community member Michael Podraza to name a building or road in honor of former principal Eric Wertheimer. The committee will discuss this later. - Chris Spiegel from Leftfield mentioned having received an email from John Buehler inquired about attending the school committee meeting on November 6th and visiting the current high school. The response confirmed that no registration is required.
3.	<p>Discussion / Action: Geothermal Test Well Update –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Conductivity testing was performed last Wednesday, with results expected by the end of next week. These results will inform the design of the geothermal system, anticipated to take an additional two weeks for engineering.
3.	<p>Discussion/Action: Schematic Design for the new South Kingstown High School</p> <p>Jeff Bento from SLAM Collaborative provided an update on the schematic design:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The proposed site layout includes designated areas for parent drop-off, visitor parking, bus lanes, and student parking. - The building will be a three-story structure, approximately 160,000 square feet, featuring academic wings, cafeteria, gymnasium, and auditorium. - Design elements incorporate local architectural features, including rusticated brick and granite accents.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Kate Macinanti reiterated that the design is still in the early stages and subject to change based on feedback and further development. - Dave asked if the wrestling team’s mat storage situation is resolved or not to which response was to be determined moving forward. - Lucas Murray mentioned highlighting changes in design so the public can identify and understand design developments moving forward. - Bob Littlefield inquired whether the storage garage would be demolished, to which Jeff confirmed that it would. Bob also asked if there were plans to include a loading dock, and Jeff affirmed that such a feature was planned.
4.	<p>Discussion/Action: Curtis Corner Administration Building & Athletic Fields</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Phil discussed the administration building's functionality and the potential for cohabitation with athletic facilities. The recommendation is to maintain the administration at Curtis Corner while exploring options for athletic fields. - It was identified that an auxiliary high school program can benefit from keeping the administration at Curtis Corner site.
5.	<p>Discussion/Action: November 13th Community Forum Agenda</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The community forum will take place at South Kingstown High School at 6 PM. - The meeting will be recorded and streamed, but live interaction will not be possible. - Bob Littlefield mentioned allocating time and addressing questions from the earlier forum meeting given they will resurface again. - Dorald Beasley asked whether the locker rooms would include shower facilities. Chris responded that modern locker designs would be incorporated.
6.	<p>Discussion/Action: Upcoming Meeting Dates and Agenda Setting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The next school building committee meeting is scheduled for November 21st at 6 PM. - Additional meetings may be required in December to accommodate project milestones.
7.	<p>Adjourn: Motion to adjourn. Motion made by Brian Mahoney Motion seconded by all Motion passes unanimously The meeting is adjourned at approx. at 7:12 PM</p>