

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

(Official Report)

Special Meeting

Tuesday, July 31, 2007

Called by order of his Honor, Mayor Kenneth E. Reeves, acting in accordance with Chapter I, Section 3 of the Rules of the School Committee, for 6:00 p.m. for the purpose of discussing the C.R.L.S. renovation project.

Members Present: Mr. Fantini, Mr. Grassi, Ms. Nolan, Mr. Schuster, Ms. Walser, Mayor Reeves

Mayor Reeves in the Chair.

A quorum of the School Committee being present, the Chair called the meeting to order at 6:20 p.m.

The Chair recognized and welcomed Councillor Craig Kelley. Mayor Reeves asked as things get added to the scope of the project where would the money come from. Mr. Maloney was heard and said that the City Manager is only committed to \$50 million for the original scope of the project (roof, windows, HVAC and some new lighting). The School Department will be responsible for additional funding. Mr. Maloney introduced HMFH architects George Metzger and Vassilios Valaes.

Mr. Fantini in the Chair.

Messrs. Valaes and Metzger gave Members a summary of a draft document, "Additional Scope Feasibility Study at Cambridge Rindge and Latin School", including:

- Exterior Walls
- Common Area Upgrades
- Flooring Upgrades
- Lockers
- Toilet Rooms
- Fire Doors / Interior Doors / Frames / Hardware
- Elevators
- Kitchen and Cafeteria
- Accessibility
- Plumbing
- Electrical
- Technology Systems
- Green Components

Messrs. Maloney, Metzger and Valaes responded to some of the following questions, comments and concerns:

- What would the cost be if this were bid as individual projects
- Have methods other than doors been looked at for lock down

The Chair recognized and welcomed Councillor Davis.

- If there were a City emergency, could CRLS be equipped to shelter people
- How many emergency shelters are there in the City
- Why are we seeking both LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) and Mass-CHPS (California High Performance Schools) certification

- Green section has the potential to pay for the other sections
- Is the payback formula-driven
- Is there an average amount of savings based on the amount spent
- What items in the study address education
- What is the State's reimbursement
- The School Department budget will not sustain upkeep and repairs – how do we deal with this
- Do the Main Library and Police Department contribute to their building costs
- Will bathrooms have higher partitions for more privacy
- Will all windows be replaced and can they be opened
- Is it practical to downsize to 1800 lockers
- Can aesthetics be part of the original scope
- Can doors be color-coded and numbered to help identify entrances
- This is a good opportunity to solve a number of issues re cafeteria and open campus
- There could be potential revenue opportunities if we do things right
- Make cafeterias more flexible
- Ask CRLS celebrities to sponsor a new cafeteria

On a motion by Ms. Walser, seconded by Mr. Grassi, it was voted that the School Committee authorize the Buildings & Grounds subcommittee along with the Mayor to meet with the City Manager to update the City Manager on revised renovation plans for CRLS.

The Chair thanked the architects and Mr. Maloney for the update.

On a motion by Ms. Nolan, seconded by Mr. Schuster, it was voted to adjourn (8:10 p.m.).

Adjourned
Marilyn Y. Bradshaw
Executive Secretary to the School Committee