

Hopkinton School District
Construction/Life Safety Subcommittee of the Facilities Committee
Minutes 2/16/06

Bob Berliner called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Present were: Bob Berliner, Steve Lajoie, Joyce Rose and Michelle Clark

Bob went over the report that we received from the State as to the needs at HHS for disability accessibility.

Discussion then went on related to the items we have identified from tours and the State report as areas of concern. Bob stated that we should meet with the Education and Design Committee before plans are done as we need to see what they are recommending as it relates to our list.

Here are the items we discussed:

1. HVAC @ HMS:

As a Life Safety issue, the lack of adequate ventilation directly impacts those students most at risk.

2. Single Pane Windows @ HMS:

As a Construction issue, it does not make economic sense to upgrade HVAC system without updating the single pane windows at the same time. Also with the skyrocketing energy costs this should be a high priority.

3. Handicapped Mandates @ HHS

As a Life Safety issue, we need to tackle these deficiencies ASAP. Some corrective action is custodial in nature and may be able to be corrected within the existing maintenance budgets. See attached report.

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6. Elevator Termination 5th Floor @ HHS*

As a Life Safety/Construction issue, this is a serious issue. Reconfiguring the classroom with a new wall and create a new hallway that leads directly to the elevator from the existing main hallway may be the best fix.

7. Handicapped Lift @ MSS

As a Life Safety/Construction issue, this is a serious issue. Any new construction may eliminate the need for this lift.

8. Nurses Office @ HMS*

As a Life Safety issue, the lack of a proper bathroom in the heavily utilized Nurse's Office directly impacts those students who would most likely need it most.

9. Nurses Office @ MMS

As a Life Safety issue, the lack of privacy is an issue. Privacy screens could be purchased to help with the problem.

10. Main Entrance @ HHS*

As a Life Safety issue, the lack of direct security at this entrance puts our students at risk each day. This safety issue was well documented in the Security Audit conducted by Standa, Inc. for the District in 1999. Any future construction at HHS should seek to rectify this situation as a high priority.

11. Door Security @ HHS

As a Life Safety issue, the number of unsecured doors was well documented in the Security Audit conducted by Standa, Inc. for the District in 1999. Some security features may corrected within existing maintenance and capital reserve budgets.

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14. GYM @ HHS*

As a Life Safety issue, the proximity of the Eastern Sideline to the wall and scorer's table is a serious safety issue.

15. GYM/Multi-Purpose Room @ HMS*

As a construction issue, this room is heavily utilized and undersized. Any future school expansion should correct this problem.

16. Auditorium @ HHS*

As a Life Safety issue, the lack of handicapped seating and blockage of the bathroom doors by the doors to the Auditorium remains a problem. Any future construction at HHS should seek to rectify this situation as a high priority.

17. HVAC (Art Room) @ HHS

As a Life Safety issue, the high temperatures reported in this part of the building are a problem. Any future construction at HHS should seek to rectify this situation as a high priority.

18. Asbestos Abatement @ MSS Floor Tiles

As a Life Safety issue, the asbestos floor tiles are encapsulated in floor wax. The floor is so unsafe that HYSAs refuses to use the gym for basketball games. Any future school expansion should correct this problem.

19. Asbestos Abatement @ MSS Pipes in Janitor's Closet

As a Life Safety issue, the asbestos insulation covering the pipes in the Janitor's closet is a potential problem.

20. Lockers @ HHS*

As a Life Safety issue, this area adjacent to the cafeteria is unsecured. Any future school expansion should correct this problem.

21. Storage Areas @ HHS

As a Life Safety issue, the storage areas are inadequate. Reports of mold and dust from improper storage of supplies have been reported. Any future school expansion should correct this problem.

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24. Parking/Traffic Flow @ HHS*

As a Life Safety issue, any future school expansion should correct any problem areas and adhere to the proper codes for handicapped parking, and safe traffic flow.

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As a Life Safety issue, the parking lot is too small for most school events. Any future school expansion should correct any problem areas and adhere to the proper codes for handicapped parking, and safe traffic flow.

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*- Need Input from Ed Specs Committee

The committee felt that we should prioritize items based upon need, economic payback, and mandated requirements.

The committee then discussed the need to get copies of the school property maps to see what we have to work with for property lines. Michelle stated that she would get copies from the Town Office.

Discussion took place on when a warrant article would be on the ballot. The committee felt that any warrant articles presented before the town should be very specific as to their need, proposed cost, cost benefit to the town. Lumping multiple projects together, unless required as part of the larger package may not be in our best interest.

The Committee will meet after School District Meeting and once information is obtained on the property boundaries.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35.
Submitted by Michelle Clark