

Hopkinton School District
Educational Specifications and Design Sub-committee
Minutes 11/16/05

Present: Charlie Head, Julie Bassi, Phil Wallingford, Peter Gagnon, Joanie McIntyre, Kim Fuller, Leah Mumford, Curt Martin, Will Renauld, Steve Chamberlin, Bill Carozza, Michael Bessette, Cindy Dobe, Kelli Bruns, Mike Alberici, Jay Godfrey, Val Aubry, Frank Marinace, Paul Marinace and Marcy Bauers.

Charlie Head opened the meeting at 6:30 p.m. introducing architects Frank and Paul Marinace.

Frank Marinace began by explaining that they had toured each of the buildings and the drawings that were being presented were concepts only, not concrete. Hopkinton Middle High School (HMHS) was the first building discussed. The primary concerns with HMHS were the flow of traffic inside and out, access to the building (an entrance without entering through the cafeteria), and security (office staff ability to view entrance). The proposal included new general offices and check in area, a computer lab on the upper level which could include a science lab and/or learning center. The cafeteria area needs expanding which could be accomplished by incorporating the gazebo area. Harold Martin School (HMS) was then reviewed. The primary concerns with HMS were replacement of sub-standard windows, increasing energy efficiency and expansion of building. Problems were noted with the entrance in both its location and supervision ability. The possible addition of an Early Childhood Center that was new and had an independent entrance was mentioned. General office space is inadequate as is storage space. HMS also has space which could be used for a new SAU Office. The architects finished their presentation with Maple Street School (MSS). The focus of MSS needs was related to the addition of a gym. Discussion ensued regarding whether the size of the gym on the plans was adequate or if the plans should have included a high school size gym. Frank Marinace indicated that a full size gym would be 10' longer and 4' wider than what was shown in the plans. The focus then shifted to the need for a new and/or expanded band room. One suggestion was to modify the last classroom in the main wing to create a new band room and stage. Frank Marinace described different means of soundproofing the band room. Mr. Alberici expressed concern regarding having a band room that was shared with other groups/classes. The need for a lockable storage area for musical equipment was discussed.

Charlie Head then turned the meeting over to the principals for their building presentations.

Mr. Carozza highlighted the need for more classroom space, new office space, updating and/or improving the front entrance, correcting ventilation/circulation problems, replacing sub-standard windows and adding storage space.

Mr. Bessette's presentation focused on the need for a gym, renovating the special education and student services areas, replacement of deteriorating flooring and grouping grade levels in the building.

Mr. Chamberlin began by pointing out that the special education rooms in his building have no sunlight, there are security issues, inadequate storage facilities, and very poor handicap access.

The next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, December 14, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. at MSS.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.
Submitted by Marcy Bauers.