

1 Joint Facilities Advisory Committee Meeting

2 Tuesday, August 24th, 2021

3 Meeting Minutes- Not Approved

4 Attendees:

5 Administrative Team: Adam Steel- Superintendent, Amy Facey- SAU #39 Business
6 Administrator and Roger Preston- Director of Facilities.

7 Committee Members: Shannon Gascoyne- JFAC Chair, Christine Grayson, Amherst NH, John
8 Bowkett- Amherst NH, Tom Gauthier- Amherst NH, Steve Berube- Amherst NH, Lisa Eastland-
9 Amherst NH, Brian Coogan- Amherst NH, John D'Angelo- Amherst NH, Laura Taylor- SCSB
10 Member, and Victoria Parisi- ASB Member.

11 Meeting Minutes: Danae A. Marotta

12 Public: Ingrid Nichols, and Brad Prescott, Banwell Architects, Lebanon NH

13 I. Call to Order

14 **Chair of the Joint Facilities Advisory Committee, Ms. Shannon Gascoyne, called the**
15 **meeting to order at 5:01PM.**

16 Ms. Gascoyne noted that she has one agenda item and that is to determine the draft design to
17 recommend to the Amherst School Board. They have option A, which is building up on the
18 Upper Field and then option C, utilizing the existing site and making use of the MPR. They are
19 not talking about any specifics. When they looked at option A there is more site work involved.

20 She asked for questions from the committee.

21 Mr. Berube asked about the access road in plan C.

22 Ms. Nichols replied that they will be discussing it with local code and fire as well as the State
23 Fire Marshall.

24 Ms. Gascoyne added that the biggest change is enrollment design. These designs have 7
25 classrooms.

26 Ms. Eastland added her concerns about noise abatement, is there another way to develop that
27 space.

28 Ms. Nichols replied that they anticipated having walls with windows so it would not be
29 completely open down to the gym.

30 Ms. Gascoyne mentioned that it is a valid question. She asked if they could discuss it further.

31 Ms. Nichols replied yes.

32 Mr. Gauthier asked about the difference with the staging time.

33 Ms. Nichols noted that it depends on portables. They are similar. Option c would be a little more
34 complex than option A. The duration is months apart.

35 Mr. Coogan noted the difference with the two layouts.

36 Ms. Eastland added that she believes that the residents would prefer option c because it is less
37 intrusive.

38 Ms. Grayson gave her support for option c.

39 Mr. Bowkett asked about the upper field in option a.

40 Ms. Gascoyne noted that if they use that field, they have the responsibility to replace the field
41 somewhere in town.

42 Mr. Bowkett gave his support for option C. He asked if it is the leach field in the back presently.

43 Ms. Nichols replied yes. Step one if the bond passes, they would do the leach field in the front.

44 Mr. D'Angelo gave his support for option C.

45 Ms. Parisi added that she is still in support for option C.

46 Mr. Gauthier also added his support for option C. They do not know what they are getting into
47 with building into the upper field.

48 Ms. Gascoyne also added her preference for option c. She is in favor of reusing the MPR. They
49 still have a lot of things to go through and they are looking for a direction.

50 She asked for a vote or further discussion.

51 **Mr. Bowkett motioned to recommend option c for preliminary design to the Amherst**
52 **School Board. Mr. Coogan seconded the motion.**

53 **Ms. Gascoyne called for a roll call: Gascoyne-Yes, Gauthier- Yes, Parisi- Yes, Bowkett-**
54 **Yes, Grayson- Yes, Coogan- Yes, Eastland- Yes,**

55 Ms. Facey asked if they could discuss finance for a bit before tomorrow's ASB meeting.

56 Mr. Steel added that ultimately the school board has to pick a dollar amount to put on the bond.
57 This group might help the board get to that number. The next step is to share with Banwell and
58 the construction manager their draft of costs. It would be good to get their opinion.

59 Ms. Gascoyne asked about the timeline.

60 Mr. Steel noted that the next estimate is the most important. They will have a range of actual
61 costs; they are narrowing the buffer zones. He asked if they could move the JFAC meeting.

62 Ms. Parisi added that the first JFAC public forum is on September 23rd.

63 Ms. Gascoyne questioned if that is enough time for the construction manager.

64 Ms. Facey added that the CIP amount will be a rough estimate.

65 • Next Meeting.

66 Ms. Gascoyne mentioned that the next JFAC meeting is Thursday, September 30th 6:00PM.

67 II. Meeting Adjourned

68 **Ms. Gascoyne adjourned the meeting at 5:30PM.**

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