

## Meeting of the MSBA Facilities Assessment Subcommittee

June 7, 2017

A meeting of the Massachusetts School Building Authority Facilities Assessment Subcommittee was held on June 7, 2017 at 40 Broad Street, Boston, Massachusetts.

**Board Members in Attendance:** Anne Brockelman, appointed member; Matt Deninger, Designee of the Commissioner of Education; Terry Kwan, appointed member

**MSBA Staff Members in Attendance:** Jim MacDonald, Interim Chief Executive Officer; Jack McCarthy, Executive Director; Dennis Ryan; Mary Pichetti; John Jumpe; Barbara Hansberry; Katie Loeffler; Fernando Garcia; Diane Sullivan; Katie DeCristofaro; Sarah Blache-Schwartz; Karl Brown; Kevin Collins; Jess Deleconio; Peter Falk

*\*Other MSBA staff members and members of the public were present at the meeting but were not participants in the discussion.*

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Summary of Meeting:

### 1. City of Worcester, South High Community School

The City of Worcester (the "District"), the Owner's Project Manager, and design team presented an overview of the options studied during the Feasibility Study and the District's preferred solution Design to replace the existing South High Community School facility with a new building on the existing South High Community School site. The FAS, MSBA staff, and the District discussed: 1) organization of the Freshman Academy; 2) block scheduling; 3) number of proposed lunch seatings; 4) concerns regarding the location of physical education associated spaces relative to the location of life skills spaces; 5) teacher involvement in the design and planning of educational spaces; 6) integration of life skills spaces and students into the general community; 7) location of locker rooms and elevators, and the number of elevators; 8) number and use of temporary computer labs; 9) building massing, orientation to daylighting, relationship to the outdoors, and the flexibility of the spaces; 10) benefits associated with Advanced Placement course offerings; 11) interdisciplinary programming; and 12) orientation of art classrooms and their relationship to north side exposure. MSBA staff is currently working with the District to reach a mutually agreeable solution to recommend to the MSBA's Board of Directors.

### 2. MSBA Staff Updates

#### 2017 Statement of Interest Recommendations Update

Diane Sullivan, MSBA Director of Program Management, presented an update on the 2017 Statement of Interest recommendations.

#### Construction Cost Funding Review Update

John Jumpe, MSBA Director of Project Management, presented an update on construction cost funding. He discussed the recommendation to adjust the current MSBA policy of construction cost funding to

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\$326/sf plus eligible demolition and abatement, and to make the new policy effective for districts receiving an approval of a proposed project on or after July 1, 2017.

### **Sustainable Design Incentive Points Update**

Karl Brown, MSBA Senior Architect, presented an update on the sustainable design incentive points and the recommendation to maintain the MSBA's existing policy.

### **School Survey 2016 Update**

Mary Pichetti, MSBA Director of Capital Planning, presented an update on the 2016 School Survey and explained that the MSBA surveyed 1419 schools in 2016.

### **Reconciliation of Approved Projects FY17 Update**

John Jumpe presented an update on the FY17 Reconciliation of Approved Projects. He explained the MSBA's annual budget cap and the forecasted total value of grants for MSBA funded projects.

### **Handouts/Other Materials Used:**

- PowerPoint regarding the Construction Cost Funding Review
- PowerPoint regarding the 2016 School Survey
- PowerPoint regarding the FY17 Reconciliation of Approved Projects
- Handout regarding the 2017 Statement of Interest recommendations