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1550 Main Street
Springfield, MA 01103

SPRINGFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

8/23/2019

Attorney Tasheena Davis, City Clerk
City Clerk's Office
36 Court Street
Springfield, MA 01103

Dear Attorney Davis:

The Springfield School Committee Office has scheduled a subcommittee meeting. Please see the details provided below:
Buildings & Maintenance Subcommittee

Date of Meeting: 10/2/2019

Time of Meeting: 5:00 PM

Location: Springfield Public Schools, 1550 Main Street

AGENDA:

Informational Items:

- >DiNisco Design's presentation of the William N. DeBerry & Homer St. Elementary School Project
- >Review of proposed school consolidation vote required by School Committee

Voting Item:

- >Vote to recommend to the full School Committee that it approve and authorize the proposed change to the William N. DeBerry Elementary School and Homer Street Elementary School campuses by means of consolidation into one building located at the proposed Union Street site for the following reason:

The existing William N. DeBerry Elementary School opened in 1951. The current building has been deemed structurally unsound due to an inadequate floor structure. The existing Homer Street Elementary School opened in 1898. The current building is antiquated and its educational spaces are insufficient for proper facilitation of today's educational programming. The proposed site for this new consolidated building is the existing William N. DeBerry Elementary School site (670 Union St.) along with the adjacent park land (48 Eastern Ave.). The proposed site is approximately 5.5 acres and has been identified by the project team as the optimal location for the new consolidated building. The new consolidated building will serve approximately 800 students with an additional 120 Pre-K students. The site provides sufficient space for a three story 155,000 square foot school with appropriate configurations and relationships among educational spaces. Further, the conceptual design meets exterior program requirements for vehicular drop off/pick up, parking, pedestrian access, gathering, outdoor play, service/delivery and emergency access is possible. Since this is a neutral site, the existing schools can remain in use while the new school is being constructed. The two schools will be consolidated into one building but each school will maintain its individual identity. Some spaces such as the gym, library and cafeteria will be shared but otherwise the schools will have separate educational and support spaces required to maintain independent schools.

Informational Item:

- >Boundary Re-Alignment Proposal for DeBerry Homer Elementary Schools- Paul Foster

Voting Item:

- >Vote to recommend to the full School Committee that it approve the re-zoning of the DeBerry and Homer Elementary Schools boundaries.

Sincerely,

Teresa R. Montemayor
Executive Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent School Committee

Subcommittee/Members:

Buildings & Maintenance Subcommittee	Mr. Christopher Collins, Chair	Atty. Peter Murphy	Ms. Maria Perez
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