

## WCUUSD HS/MS New Build Working Group

April 24, 2023 | 6:30 pm

### Attendees:

In Person: Ben Ford, Ryan Townsend, Jason Drebitko, Michael Caduto, Marlena McNamee, John Williams, Sherry Sousa, Jim Fenn

By Zoom: Rayna Bishop, Ben Jervej, Ryan Becker, Bob Crean, Leigh Sherwood, Joe Rigoli, David Harris, Jen Stanton, Aiden Keough-Vella, Raphael Adamek

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:32 PM by Ben Ford

2. Amendments to the agenda

None

3. Public Comment

None

4. Working Group Purposes & Member Introductions

Ben reviewed the purpose of the group's forming and mission. Member introductions occurred at the end of the meeting.

5. Project Recap

Ben gave a recap of all work completed and milestone events since 2015. See attached presentation:

[\(Link presentation\)](#)

6. Public Funding Update: Voting Results of 2023 School District Article 7

Ben shared that Article 7 of the School District ballot passed in March with roughly 58% of the vote at Town Meeting. As a result, \$1.65M in public funding has been authorized to complete Detailed Design, permitting, and associated activities to bring the project to a bond vote in March of 2024. The New Build Committee will meet monthly at least until that time for the purpose of reviewing the architect's work, making recommendations to the district Buildings & Grounds Committee, and completing related tasks

7. Policy Update: School Board Adoption of New Build Tax Impact Policy

Ben provided a brief update on the School Board's adoption of the New Build Tax Impact Policy, which sets an annual limit of 16% on the impacts to taxpayers resulting from the project

8. Private Fundraising Update

Marlena McNamee reported on fundraising activities to date. \$3M is currently pledged against a campaign goal of \$20M over the life of the project. The next milestone is \$5M by the time of the bond vote in March 2024. See attached presentation:

[\(Link presentation\)](#)

9. Leigh Sherwood of Lavallee Brensinger Architects reviewed the current design of the new Middle School & High School building. He then presented an overview of Detailed Design phase activities. See attached presentation:

[\(Link presentation\)](#) [\(Summary\)](#)

10. Public Comment

None

11. Motion to adjourn at 8pm. Moved: John Williams. Seconded: Ryan Townshend. All in favor.