



Meeting Notes

Project: MSAD 75 High School

Date: 09/30/2015

Attendees: Topsham Community Members – Sign in Attached

Purpose: Community Meeting

Topic	Agenda/Notes	Action
	1. Presentation by MSAD 75 and PDT Architects	
	2. Community Comments and Questions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why haven't you considered siting a new school closer to the middle school? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - We need at least 30 acres for a high school. - There are site limitations on the parcel that will be acquired from the base due to existing site conditions. -We do not recommend a high school to be located so close to the middle school. • Would the cost differences for a New or Renovated school be picked up by the state? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The state pays for certain square footages based on number of students. - We do not yet know what it will cost - The State generally supports temporary housing costs for the students during construction on top of the cost for construction. • How do costs between New vs Reno compare? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The chart in presentation was trying to show this. • What about locating a new school where the athletic field is (south end of site)? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - This area is within significant vernal pool required setbacks – there are building restrictions within this area. • Is the pond not an aquifer recharge? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do not know yet • Block house area (north of site) – how close can you build to that area? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do not know yet • There needs to be a flat area for athletic fields <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - We are hopeful that if we move fields (test fit option 5) we'd be able to use fill and make new fields work. • The softball field is missing from scheme 5 – where would that go? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The new parcel MSAD is acquiring will be utilized for fields – it is anticipated we could use this area for any displaced fields. 	



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When decision is made for New vs Reno and project, what happens with inflation and construction costs? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The architect factors inflation into all projects. We also have a contingency built into the cost for bidding and unforeseen changes. • Have you considered adding the vocational students into program? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Region 10 has its own board separate from MSAD 75. They would have to be open to the idea. We do not yet have an answer. • What about LEED? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The sustainability subcommittee will determine if the school wants to go this way. We try to make a building as energy efficient as possible regardless of LEED certification. • Would the 6th grade move back to community schools? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Middle school currently has capacity for 900 students but current population is much lower – we do not want an empty building. We don't think this project will change anything in the 6th grade. • Would like a new building not to have too many corridors. • For safety, look into 'sleeve' for door closers. • Internet connectivity everywhere • Windows in gym • How confident are you that state will fully fund project? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The state is a partner in the project and wants to produce a good project. • Is it possible to salvage the old gym? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Yes, we will look at this. • Have you looked at changing any existing roadways on the site? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A few schemes move the driveway location slightly. We are just starting to look at the issues in terms of utilities and site access. • There are excellent teachers at this school. Had an interest in renovation due to cost considerations and the care the staff have put into the building but you made a good presentation. Will need wisdom to make a correct decision and trust Chris Shaw for this. • Are athletic fields part of state funding? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Yes • There are not a lot of people who believe in renovating. • Feel that we should keep kids in building during construction. • Need to have this ready for November 2016 referendum. • Will the referendum be on New vs reno? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No, we will have a complete design by then. Prior to that, there will be 2 straw votes by the community to make sure we are 	



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	<p>going in the right direction. The state has a say in everything as well.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What happens to athletics during construction? • Think traffic needs to be taken into consideration. • Think about a pool • Daycare on site • Single user bathrooms • Want to be as close to fully funded as possible • Feel that a disruption to students is a huge issue. Don't want them in portables or separated. Also a safety concern. • Are there any other parts of the process for public input? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Two straw votes and other public meetings • What are the enrollment projections? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - They are projecting a declining enrollment currently. • Has there been any discussion of moving 9th grade to middle school? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Have not looked at this • Have projections taken into account that employment at the base is rising? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Will be meeting with the company that made the projections to discuss their findings • When will the state agree with decisions that the committee makes? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - We don't know, but have regular meetings with the state. They have all current work to date and are reviewing. • How viable an option is displacing students? Has it been done before? What do students and staff think about this? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - It has been done – will talk to people at Mt Blue high school to find out their thoughts on success of their relocation. • Does all construction happen during regular business hours? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Yes • Should limit the disruption to the students as much as possible, especially with the disruption everyone already has to go through at this school. 	

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