

RSU 54/MSAD 54
BUILDING COMMITTEE
MINUTES
December 15, 2020 at 6:00 pm
Skowhegan Area Middle School

PRESENT: David Leavitt, Jon Moody, Sarah Bunker, Jeannie Conley, Derek Ellis, Brent Colbry, Jean Franklin, Goff French, Peggy Lovejoy, Lynda Quinn, and Karen Smith,

ALSO PRESENT: Zach Longyear, Doug Breer, Steve Hoffman, Andy Johnston, Patrick Carroll

The Building Committee met on December 15, 2020 to hear a presentation from Stephen Blatt Architects.

Architects Steven Hoffman and Doug Breer provided an overview of the analysis of current district buildings and the review and development of recommendations for new construction. The firm shared that it is likely both significantly more cost-effective and educationally beneficial for MSAD54 to not renovate any existing buildings, but instead to explore a new construction of a consolidated elementary school. There were a variety of options discussed.

Engineers Andy Johnston and Patrick Carroll provided an update on the site selection process including the review of current MSAD54 properties/sites and the exhaustive site-search. This process included work with the town of Skowhegan, cold-calls and visits, and advertisements in the local papers. The process has resulted in 4 potential sites being considered.

The Committee discussed the addition of the Margaret Chase Smith Site, which would be contingent on an agreement with the town to acquire the town land abutting the current school site, and the relocation of town fields by the district to a new site. This option will be explored further with the town and the state with more information to follow.

Committee members questioned the attending architects and engineers about a variety of items, including the current building assessment study process, site selection considerations, concept development, next steps. The architects indicated

that upon finalization of the study and submission to the state, the process will require more feedback/interaction from the committee and district.

Stephen Blatt architects thanked the Board for the opportunity to work with MSAD 54 again.

The Committee thanked representatives from the firm for coming to the meeting, presenting and answering the Committee's questions.

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm.