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| RSU 54/MSAD 54 |
| BUILDING COMMITTEE |
| MINUTES |
| March 3, 2021 at 6:00 pm |
| Skowhegan Area High School |

PRESENT: Jon Moody, David Leavitt, Sarah Bunker, Jeannie Conley, Goff French, Theresa Howard, Peggy Lovejoy and Lynda Quinn

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

The Building Committee met on March 3, 2021, to hear a presentation from Steven Blatt Architects on the updated analysis of sites for the new building project.

Architects Steven Blatt, Doug Breer, Steven Hoffman and Engineers Patrick Carroll and Andy Johnston provided an updated analysis of the two sites identified at the committee's last meeting: (1) Dillon Property; and (2) Margaret Chase Smith Site.

The firm shared updated information from the Maine Department of Transportation as well as the adjusted matrix, which was developed with the committee's criteria.

Blatt Architects and Engineers Carroll and Johnston recommended the committee consider moving the Margaret Chase Smith Site for the state application, as the top choice for a new school construction site. Although both sites would provide quality sites for a new school, the engineers highlighted the positive DOT review, the in-town location, the benefits of using an existing school site, as well as significantly lower development costs for that site.

The committee asked questions and reviewed the benefits and impacts of the two sites as well as the potential impacts to members of the community in each area. The firm indicated that the DOT review and additional work they had completed gave further weight to the Margaret Chase Smith Site as the site that would have the most positive impact on the surrounding neighborhoods, especially with the removal of the bus garage. The committee expressed interest in using the North Elementary Site as a potential new site for the bus garage.

The committee supported moving the Margaret Chase Smith Site forward as the top site for the DOE site application.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board support and move forward the Margaret Chase Smith Site for the DOE site application process.

Next steps with the site application process will include informational sessions for the community, staff and students, as well as formal informational sessions and a straw-poll vote later in the Spring. Additionally, Blatt Architects and the committee will begin the educational programming process beginning this Spring.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm.