Arlington High School Building Committee

Meeting Date: Tuesday, September 6, 2022, 6:00 Conducted via Remote Participation

- Membership Update
 - ♦ Vote to add Robert Behrent as a member of the Finance Subcommittee
- Skanska Update
 - ♦ Phase 2 Turnover Schedule
- Consigli Update
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 - **♦**Temp Use-Phasing
- Meeting Minute Approval
- New Business
- Adjournment

The listings of matters are those reasonably anticipated by the Chair which may be discussed at the meeting. Not all items listed may in fact be discussed and other items not listed may also be brought up for discussion to the extent permitted by law.

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Memorandum

To: Arlington High School Building Committee

From: Jeff Thielman, Chair

Date: September 2, 2022

Re: Phase 2 Opening

Dear Colleagues:

I write to give you background on something that will be discussed at our meeting on 9/6/22.

Per the Town's contract with Consigli Construction, Phase II of the AHS Building project is scheduled to be completed by September 19, 2023, and Fusco House and the Blue Gym are scheduled to be demolished during the 2023 summer. As a result, there will not be enough classrooms to hold the entire high school student body between Sept 5 and September 25, 2023.

The purpose of this memo is to acquaint the Building Committee with the issues facing the school district and the impacts of various solutions on the budget and schedule of the building project.

Context for the AHSBC discussion on Tuesday, September 6, 2022

On Tuesday, Dr. Homan and Dr. Janger will report on discussions thus far on how to begin the 2023-24 school year at AHS. Dr. Janger supplied a memo on 8/23/22 that was discussed by the Arlington School Committee's Curriculum, Instruction, Assessment, and Accountability (CIAA) subcommittee on August 26, 2022. The memo outlined parameters and options school leadership is considering, including a half-day shift schedule and the use of extra classrooms. The subcommittee discussed the memo as well as the possibility of asking the Building Committee to shift the demolition of Fusco and the Blue Gym (and therefore the AHS project) to enable a normal academic schedule for students until the Phase II facility is complete.

The project team has looked at the schedule to see if there is a way to accelerate the work to finish Phase II by the start of school on September 5, 2023, but an earlier move-in date is not feasible due to an already tight schedule.

A decision needs to be made on the project schedule by the end of September. As a result, the School Committee will take a vote this month on a plan to begin the 2023 school year at Arlington High School. Following that vote, the Building Committee will be asked to consider releasing contingency funds to pay for costs associated with the opening of the school in September of 2023.

The options for the Building Committee range from using \$125,000 in contingency funds to support a shift schedule (described below) – which will require building access space to Downes House, a temporary food services operation in the front lobby, and a tent/seating area at the front entrance – to \$1.2 million to fund the costs of a three-month project extension.

Phase 2 project Schedule

The contracted project schedule is:

- Abatement and demolition of Fusco House and the Blue Gym begins 7/3/23 and ends 9/12/23
- Phase 2 (Central Spine, Humanities Wing) is to be completed on 9/19/23
- Staff moves into the new Humanities wing from 9/20/23 to 9/24/23
- The first day of school in the newly completed Phase II building is 9/25/23

The demolition of Fusco House and the Blue Gym limits the number of classrooms and other spaces available for students and staff in September of 2023.

Alternatives under consideration for beginning the 2023 school year

The school district's leadership is evaluating two options for beginning the school year:

- Option 1 Half Day Shift Schedule:
 - From Tuesday, September 5 through Tuesday, September 19, three classes would take place in the morning for most grade 9-10 grade students, and three classes would take place in the afternoon for most 11-12 grade students.
 - There would be one lunch period, served in the lobby and front plaza.
 - This option would require AHS to reduce half-days later in the year to meet the state requirement to provide 990 hours of instruction to high school students. AHS currently offers more hours of instruction than the state minimum, and with this schedule, students would lose approximately 32 hours of instructional time compared to the current AHS calendar and schedule.
- Option 2 Shift the Demolition of Fusco and the Blue Gym:
 - This option includes a request to the Building Committee to amend the schedule so that the demolition of Fusco and the Blue Gym occurs after the new wing is complete. The option allows for a normal return to school for all students but would mean abatement and demolition work would not begin until after 9/25/23.
 - This shift would extend the overall project by three (3) months and result in extending the staffing time for each member of the project team.

In either of these options, AHS would need to find 2-3 school days later in the year as make-up days to meet the state's 180-day requirement. This is due to the need to complete the physical move into Phase II and the five days needed to make the move. These days could be added at the end of the school year, taken during the February or April vacation weeks, or recovered through other schedule adjustments.

August 26 Curriculum, Instruction, Assessment, and Accountability Subcommittee Meeting

Six of seven members of the School Committee attended the meeting of this subcommittee on August 26 and discussed the options presented by Dr. Janger.

Committee members are concerned about the effects of a shift in the project schedule and any resulting additional costs. At the same time, some members feel that it would be in the best interests of students to delay the abatement and demolition of Fusco House and the Blue Gym to allow students to have a normal opening of school in September of 2023. This plan would allow students not to lose any learning time and experience a normal schedule at the beginning of the new school year.

Phase 3 Components

As a reminder, the following are the key components of Phase III:

- Gymnasiums
- Locker Rooms
- Fitness Center
- LABBB Program
- ACE Offices
- Main Administration space

Impacts of Each Option

If the district adopts Option 1 (Half Day Shift), the Arlington High School Building Committee will be asked to take a vote on whether to release \$125,000 (approximately) from contingency funds. This option also will require the AHSBC and project team to develop a solution for the location of the LABBB program from June-September 2024.

If the district pursues Option 2 (shift the timeline for the demolition of Fusco House and the Blue Gym), the design team estimates that the end date for the entire project will move from April 2025 to August 2025 and cost an additional \$1.2 million. Option 2 allows for continued use of Downes and the Blue Gym through December 2024 and resolves issues related to space for athletics and the LABBB program during the Phase 3-4 Transition.

Should the School Committee vote to support Option 2 and therefore require the school to open with full days of classes, the Building Committee will be asked to take a vote on whether to use approximately \$1.2 million in contingency funds.

Under Option 2, the impact on the remaining schedule is as follows:

Milestone	Contracted Timeline	New Timeline if Fusco House/Blue Gym demolition is moved	
Phase 3 Abatement & Demolition of Fusco House	7/3/23 to 9/12/23	 Demolition of Fusco begins after 9/23/23 Work occurs while students are in school (with appropriate dust, and noise mitigation) 	
Phase 3 Construction	 Begins 9/20/23 Completed 9/24/24 Classes would start on time for AHS students in Fall 2024 with some displacement of PE, athletics, and LABBB 	 Completion December 2024 Move in over Winter Break, 2024- 25 	
Phase 4 Abatement & Demolition of Downes House	6/25/24 to 9/24/24	Begins January 2025Completion April 2025	
Phase 4 Site Development (fields, etc.)	6/25/24 to 4/25/25	April 2025 to September 2025. Fields ready by the start of school	

Contingency Funds Available

As of August 26, 2022, the project has \$7,723,128 in contingency funds available for unforeseen conditions, design changes, and additional scope.

Description	Budget	Remaining	Notes
Guaranteed Maximum	\$6,967,419	\$3,851,354	Includes projected and
Price Contingency			approved funds
Owner's Soft Cost	\$2,769,807	\$682,732	Includes projected and
Contingency			approved
Construction	\$7,075,741	\$3,189,042	Includes projected and
Contingency			approved
TOTALS	\$16,812,967	\$7,723,128	

Contingency costs are reviewed monthly by the AHSBC Finance Subcommittee. All individual costs and change orders greater than \$100,000 are reviewed by the full committee.

The contingency funds exclude the Allowance and Hold budget line items, which are for known, potential costs that could not be estimated at the time of contract.

Report to 2023 Town Meeting

The Building Committee's report to Town Meeting in the spring of 2023 will include information on any vote the committee takes to accommodate the opening of Arlington High School in September of 2023.

Next steps

The purpose of the Building Committee's discussion on September 6 is to share information on options under consideration for the opening of school at AHS next September, discuss potential impacts on the project, and solicit your feedback. Through the CIAA subcommittee, the School Committee has requested additional information on the options and building schedules and will discuss the matter at its meeting on September 8, 2022.

A decision on whether to extend the end date of the project needs to be made by the end of this month.

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