

B-Space Committee - Report to the Brookline School Committee

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Outline of Report

1. **Executive Summary** include charge as an exhibit

2. **The Challenge and the Opportunity**
 - a. Growing student population
 - i. 2009 and 2012 MGT reports
 - ii. Projections beyond MGT
 - b. ~~The Charge of the Committee~~ **Role**
 - i. Gathering and analyzing data
 - ii. Guiding community discussion
 - iii. Recommendation of plan for school expansion by July, 2013 ~~postponed to 8/22/13 to School Committee~~

3. **Objectives of Space Expansion Program** (this should be a basis of factors for judging the options) **Based on MUST criteria we decide upON this evening-below are simply placeholders**
 - a. ~~Accommodation of current student enrollment and future enrollment growth~~ **Meet required enrollment needs within timeline in order to avoid failure**
 - b. ~~Maintenance and enhancement of educational quality~~ **Retain low student to adult ratios** **Meet or exceed current educational program**
 - i. ~~Retain current operating hours and academic schedule~~
 - e. ~~Provision of equitable facilities throughout the Town~~ **Districts remain diverse e.g.free/reduced lunch, socio-economic, special ed, racial cultural and relativelyequivalent in profile to other districts**
 - d. ~~Retaining of K-8 school organization~~

- e. ~~Preservation of neighborhood schools~~ Radius proximity (? % of students within ? miles)
- f. ~~Maintenance METCO program and materials fee program for Brookline employees~~ (see below)
- g. ~~Minimization of the impacts of redistricting~~ (see below)
- h. ~~Implementable in an appropriate timeframe~~ (see above (a))
- i. Must be financially reasonable, in ~~first time~~capital and ~~on-going~~operating costs
- j. ~~Should have significant public support~~ Probability of successful approval by Brookline Community (Town Meeting + override vote)
- k. Meet MSBA standards
- l. Other important criteria: neighborhood (K-?) schools, METCO (exhibit re shut down of new METCO students-needs to show revenue loss, year by year classroom gain, education gain for our students, Material Fee Program (exhibit), redistricting impact,

4. Financial Constraints (this section largely by Michael Sandman, Peter Rowe and Sean Cronin)

- a. Current budgeted capital projects
- b. Current and projected operating budgets
- c. Capacity to carry additional capital projects with and without overrides
- d. Capacity to carry additional operational costs with and without overrides
- e. Options for raising additional revenues beyond Overrides such as increasing the commercial tax base of Brookline, efficiencies in Town and school operations, postponement of other capital (Town) projects
- f. tax effects on homeowners and apartment owners at various levels of override proposals.

Other Considerations: MSBA K-8 and Devotion potential slow down or halt, plus long term plan deadline.

5. Review of Existing Facilities and New Sites (this section largely by physical planning consultant)

a. K-8 Schools available for Expansion

i. Baker School

1. Existing Condition
2. Expansion capacity

ii. Heath School

1. Existing Condition
2. Expansion capacity

iii. Driscoll School

1. Existing Condition
2. Expansion capacity

iv. New Lincoln School

1. Existing Capacity
2. Expansion Capacity

v. Pierce School

1. Existing Capacity
2. Expansion Capacity

vi. Lawrence School

1. Existing Capacity
2. Expansion Capacity

vii. Devotion School

1. Current Planned Capacity after Renovation
2. Potential Expanded Capacity after Renovation

b. High School

- i. Existing Condition
 - ii. Expansion Capacity
- c. Other existing facilities
 - i. Old Lincoln School
 - 1. Current Capacity and Condition
 - 2. Expansion Capacity
 - ii. Lynch Center **now rejected**
 - iii. Baldwin School
- d. Other Potential sites for new facilities
 - i. Soule Rec/Baldwin
 - 1. Capacity
 - 2. Cost and schedule for acquisition
 - ii. Others?
 - iii. **Amory**
 - iv. **BU-Worthington Rd.**
 - v. **Expand new Pre-K locations to include Ks** **Worthington Rd.**

6. Options for school expansion

- a. Options reviewed, rejected and why
 - i. New 8-9 School at unidentified site
 - ii. 8th grade school at OLS
 - iii. 6th grade school at OLS
 - iv. Super K-8 campus incorporating OLS and either Pierce School or NLS
 - v. **Commerical property on Com Ave. (Reduces Bkln tax revenue)**
 - vi. **MAB parcel**

vii. for BHS expansion, parking lot east side of Unified Arts building, and transformation of the Tappan St. gym into classrooms.

viii. Baldwin for K-8 school. Problems with the walkability, and the major upheaval due to required redistricting.

~~gym on Tappan St. commercial property on Com Ave~~

b. Options Selected for full assessment and why

i. New K-8 school at Amory(problem with community support) or site yet to be selected

ii. K-8 at a renovated and expanded Old Lincoln School subject at this time to CBA analysis (also problem with community support.

iii. Distributed expansions of K-8's will have HMFH work 7/24

iv. Expansion of High School

v. Long-term accommodation for BEEP program (where?) Temples Emeth and Ohabei Shalom

7. **Assessment of Selected Options** (Using factors and agreed upon criteria from Section 3) **Explain CBA system (exhibit)**

a. Each Option Assessed: **Based on MUST criteria we decide upon this evening- below are simply placeholders**

i. ~~Accommodation of current student enrollment and future enrollment-growth~~ **Meet required timeline in order to avoid failure**

ii. **Meet or exceed current educational program**

iii. ~~Preservation of neighborhood schools~~ **Radius proximity (? % of students within ? miles)**

iv. ~~Provision of equitable facilities throughout the Town~~ **Districts remain diverse e.g.free/reduced lunch, socio-economic, special ed, racial cultural and relatively equivalent in profile to other districts**

v. ~~Minimization of the impacts of redistricting~~ **See Below vii**

vi. ~~Implementable in an appropriate timeframe~~ **see i above**

- vii. Financially reasonable, in ~~first-time~~ **capital** and ~~on-going~~ **operating** costs
- viii. ~~Significant public support~~ **Probability of successful approval by Brookline Community (Town Meeting + override vote)**
- ~~ix.~~ **Meet current MSBA standards.**

8. Recommendation