

Votes of the B-Space Committee, August 12, 2013

Moved... that the B-SPACE committee recommends retention of the K-8 neighborhood school model.

Moved... that the B-SPACE committee recommends a strategic expansion of a number of existing neighborhood schools (“Expand in Place”) to meet the challenges of the increased school enrollment. B-SPACE came to this conclusion considering:

- Meeting or exceeding current educational program and must maintain Brookline's reputation for educational excellence
- Probability of successful approval by Brookline Community (Town Meeting + Override Vote)
- Must have site available (e.g., environmental, legislative, ownership, legal risks) within timeframe
- Meet enrollment need of +600 K-8 by 2017 /+600 BHS by 2022

Moved... that the B-SPACE committee recommends that the School Committee use the July 2013 feasibility study by HMFH Architects to determine the best configuration of and direction for expanding school capacity at existing schools based on the 3+HS option. B-SPACE recommends the following program elements:

1. Increasing the size of the Devotion School project to the maximum extent that the site, project feasibility, cost (including continued MSBA partnership) and pedagogical considerations allow.
2. Renovate and expand the Driscoll School to the maximum extent that the site, project feasibility, cost (including potential MSBA partnership) and pedagogical considerations allow.
3. Understanding that many considerations go into the placement of district-wide programs, Expand in Place may benefit from relocation of one or more district wide programs.
4. While expansion at the Heath or Baker Schools would trigger undesirable redistricting, there is capacity to add classrooms at Heath or Baker should it be necessary for future district-wide capacity.
5. Despite the HMFH recommendation for a substantial expansion at Lawrence, the B-Space committee recommends the School Committee ascertain whether the site will accommodate more than the four modular classrooms currently planned.
6. Consider possible future renovation, expansion or replacement of the Pierce School. This option cannot meet the 2017 deadline, but could be implemented as part of a longer term plan.

Moved...that the B-SPACE committee recommends that the School Committee continue the single 9-12 high school model; and that Brookline High School be expanded to accommodate the projected enrollment of 2,500 students by 2022. The particular option for expansion should be determined after additional study, which should include (1) the HMFH concept study, (2) consideration of whether to expand the high school campus to the Old Lincoln School and (3) a further examination of how scheduling efficiencies could be used to reduce the size of a physical addition.

Moved...that the B-SPACE committee recommends that the Old Lincoln School be part of the capacity solution as interim or swing space to be used while the permanent portion of the capacity solution is being built and /or as part of the high school expansion solution on an interim or permanent basis.