Newport School Committee
Ad Hoc School Building Committee
Public Input Meeting
3 February 2009
CHARGE

“To recommend to the School Committee a plan for elementary school construction.”
## Membership List

### Ad Hoc School Building Committee Membership

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Name</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>James Asbel</td>
<td>Patrick Kelley</td>
<td>Pauline Perkins-Moyé</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Louisa Boatwright</td>
<td>Lindora J. Lopes</td>
<td>Nicholas J. Phelan</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Jennifer Booth, Ed.D.</td>
<td>Maria Mare Schulz</td>
<td>Marcin G. Rembisz</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Drew A. Carey, Ph.D.</td>
<td>Stephanie Martland</td>
<td>Michael R. Saunders, CPA</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Lynn Ceglie</td>
<td>Colleen McGrath</td>
<td>Charles P. Shoemaker, MD</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Paul C. Fagan</td>
<td>Justin S. McLaughlin</td>
<td>Laura Sitrin</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Nancy M. Folcarelli</td>
<td>Jeanne Marie Napolitano</td>
<td>Ruth Thumbtzen</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Jo Eva Gaines</td>
<td></td>
<td>Sydney O. Williams</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Ad Hoc Building Committee Process

• Step 1 - Develop a Majority Recommendation To Newport School Committee
  – Review Prior Studies and Activities Related to Newport Elementary School Construction Planning
  – Gather Updated Information
    • Demographics, Tax Assessor Estimates
  – Evaluate Options
    • Determine Recommended Grade Span Groupings
    • Determine Recommended Site Location
  – Document Recommendation and Rationale
Ad Hoc Building Committee Process

- Step 2 - Participate in Rhode Island Department of Education (RIDE) Application Process
  - Educational Specifications
  - Building Size and Content
  - School Site Design
  - Green Technology Incorporation

- Step 3 – School Construction Bond Referendum
School Construction Time Line

- February 2009: RIDE Stage I Application
- March 2009: Configuration and Site Decision
- April 2009: RIDE Stage II Application
- May 2009: Board of Regents Decision
- November 2009: Special Election Referendum
- September 2012: School Opening
History of Elementary School Assessments

- 1995 Newport Public Schools: Demographic and School Facilities Study, August 1995
- 2004 City-School-Community Advisory Group Final Report
- 2005 NPS Facilities Long Range Plan
- 2005 Report of a Management Review of the Newport Public Schools; Berkshire Report

"We've studied the schools in Miami, Detroit, Los Angeles and other urban districts, and all of the elementary schools here are in the worst physical condition we've seen," said Costello-Shea, speaking for Berkshire.
Elementary Students Facility Needs

- Student Educational Needs Are Not Met By Current Facilities
  - Art/Music/Library
  - Cafeteria/Auditorium/Gymnasium
  - Nurse/Special Education/Family Coordinator
  - Classroom Grouping
  - Team Teaching
  - Flexible Spaces
  - Heat, Lighting, Noise, Ventilation
A Modern School Facility Provides Educational Advantages

• Safe and Healthy Learning Environment
• Provides Spaces for Art, Music, Library and Physical Education
• Enables Teacher Collaborations
  – Multiple Classes At Each Grade Level
• Provides Flexibility In Instructional Grouping
• Eliminates Travel Time For Professionals
  – Reading, Special Education, Nurses, PE
• Eliminates Physical Distractions
  – Noise, Heat, Lighting, Ventilation
Existing Elementary Schools Are Expensive to Operate

- Operating 4 Elementary School Requires 9 Additional Staff Positions
  - Currently $709,336 In Salary and Benefits
  - $18,696,097 Over 20 Year Period
- These Funds Could Be Invested In New Facilities
Existing Elementary Schools Require Extensive Renovations

- Repairs, Fire Code Compliance, ADA Compliance
- Creating 21st Century Learning Environments
- Estimated Costs to Renovate Coggeshall to Provide PK-1 Enrollment $13M
## Previous Options Reviewed

PK-4 Is Current Sub Committee Preference

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Options</th>
<th>Resulting Configurations</th>
<th>Comments*</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Renovate Coggeshall and New PK-2</td>
<td>5-8 @ TMS</td>
<td>$31-39M Lack of Grade Continuity</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>9-12 @ RHS</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Build 2 Schools (One PK-2, One 3-4)</td>
<td>5-8 @ TMS</td>
<td>$30-37M Lack of Grade Continuity</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>9-12 @ RHS</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Build PK-4 School</td>
<td>5-8 @ TMS</td>
<td>$27-34M Large Site Required</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>9-12 @ RHS</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Build PK-2 School</td>
<td>3-6 @ TMS</td>
<td>$20-25M Lack of Grade Continuity</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>7-12 @ RHS</td>
<td>Young Students On Broadway Middle School At High School</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Build PK-1 School</td>
<td>2-6 @ TMS</td>
<td>$16-20M Lack of Grade Continuity</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>7-12 @ RHS</td>
<td>Young Students On Broadway Middle School At High School</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

* Construction Costs Estimates from May 2007
PK-4 Enrollment Estimates
December 2008 Whitehall Associated Demographic Study

15%

-15%


1000
900
800
700
600
500
400

PK-4

15%
Elementary School Size

- Majority of Elementary Schools In U.S. Built for 500-900 Students

- These Intermediate Size Schools Offer Greater Services and Opportunities

- One Study Indicates 760 Student Elementary Schools Outperform Other Size Schools (Borland and Howsen, 2003)

- A South Carolina Study Found Elementary Schools That Had Won the Incentive Award for Achievement for 10 Years Averaged 818 Students (Stevenson, 2006)
Providing a Small School Feel

• Several Techniques Exist to Mitigate Concerns About Size
  – House Plan
  – Mini School
  – School Within A School

• Staffing Plan Includes Principal and Vice Principal For PK-4 School
## How Much Might This Cost?

- **Slightly Smaller School Than 2007 Plans**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Students Per Student</th>
<th>Square Feet Per Student</th>
<th>Low** Per Sq Ft</th>
<th>High** Per Sq Ft</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>725</td>
<td>145*</td>
<td>$24.7M</td>
<td>$30.6M</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

*Maximum Allowed Under RIDE Construction Guidelines

** Architect’s May 2007 Estimates
## Effect of Bond Payment

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th></th>
<th>Effective Bond Amount</th>
<th>Annual Payment</th>
<th>Annual Tax Payer Costs ($300K)</th>
<th>Annual Tax Payer Costs ($600K)</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>$30,000,000</td>
<td>$2,615,536</td>
<td>$132.38</td>
<td>$264.76</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Operating Savings</td>
<td>$21,863,971</td>
<td>$1,906,200</td>
<td>$96.48</td>
<td>$192.96</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>State Aid (PK-1)</td>
<td>$16,463,971</td>
<td>$1,435,404</td>
<td>$72.65</td>
<td>$145.30</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

### Notes
- 6%, 20 Year Bond Assumption
- Present Value of $709,336 Annual Operating Savings
- State Aid Based On 24 July 2008 Meeting with RIDE
### Additional Financial Considerations

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Potential Offsetting Revenues</th>
<th></th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Prior Excessed Property</td>
<td>$2,000,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Additional Excessed Property</td>
<td>$8,655,540</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Federal Economic Stimulus Construction</td>
<td>$1,198,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Private Contributions</td>
<td>$1,000,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Excess Property Annual Tax Revenue</td>
<td>$545,501</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>State Housing Aid For Grade 2-4</td>
<td>$3,600,000</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Notes**
- Property Value and Annual Tax Revenue Based on 2005 Tax Assessor Estimates
- Federal Aid Based On Federal Stimulus Education Package
On Going Related Discussions

• Federal Funding Request
  – Letter Requesting American Recovery and Reinvestment Plan Funds Sent to Federal Legislators and Governor

• State Housing Aid Formula Update
  – Meeting Planned With State Legislators and RI Department of Education To Determine State School Construction Plans

• Rhode Island Public Expenditure Council (RIPEC) Analysis of School Regionalization on Aquidneck Island Expected March 2009
Middle School Facility

- Thompson Middle School
  - Bond Approved 1999
  - Reopened in 2002
  - Computer Network Upgrades
  - 5th Grade Housing Plan In Place
    - Administration, Parents and Teacher
High School Facility Renovations

- 2005  Auditorium / Academic Roofing Upgrade
- 2006  Fire Alarm Upgrades, Science Wing, Locker Rooms, Library, Auditorium Stage Lighting Upgrades and Renovations
- 2007  Fire Alarm Upgrades, Memorial Park, Academic Wing Remodeled
- 2008  Fire Alarm/Sprinkler Upgrades (RHS & NACTC), 2 Computer Labs and computer network upgraded at RHS
- 2009-2010  Administration & Special Services Relocation
We Need Your Help!

• Your Inputs Will Inform and Shape Our Recommendation
  – Presentations and Email Link
  – Talk to School Committee and Ad Hoc School Building Committee Members

adhoc@newportrischools.org
Discussions

Please e-mail your thoughts and comments to

adhoc@newportrischools.org
### Ad Hoc School Building Committee Membership

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Name</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>James Asbel</td>
<td>Patrick Kelley</td>
<td>Pauline Perkins-Moyé</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Louisa Boatwright</td>
<td>Lindora J. Lopes</td>
<td>Nicholas J. Phelan</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Jennifer Booth, Ed.D.</td>
<td>Maria Mare Schulz</td>
<td>Marcin G. Rembisz</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Drew A. Carey, Ph.D.</td>
<td>Stephanie Martland</td>
<td>Michael R. Saunders, CPA</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Lynn Ceglie</td>
<td>Colleen McGrath</td>
<td>Charles P. Shoemaker, MD</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Paul C. Fagan</td>
<td>Justin S. McLaughlin</td>
<td>Laura Sitrin</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Nancy M. Folcarelli</td>
<td>Jeanne Marie Napolitano</td>
<td>Ruth Thumbtzen</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Jo Eva Gaines</td>
<td></td>
<td>Sydney O. Williams</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>