



Office Of The School Committee

To: Arlington High School Building Committee
From: Kirsi Allison-Ampe, Chair, Arlington School Committee
Subject: Summary of School Committee Recommendations

January 31st, 2019

The School Committee was charged by the Building Committee to create a rank order of programmatic items for omission consideration if Building Committee so desired. The School Committee met with Superintendent Kathleen Bodie and Principal Matthew Janger yesterday, January 30th, to discuss their proposal. The Committee had extensive discussion about the merits of the educational program and the items suggested, and feels strongly that no educational program items be omitted from the project. However, the Committee did respect the charge given and has created a rank order, listed below. Additionally, although suggested as a potential cost-cutting measure by the Administration, the Committee did not feel the Alternative PE space should be reduced in size, and removed it from the rank order list.

Further discussion regarded the Schematic Design VE list. The Committee strongly felt that those items should be considered well before looking to the educational program for cost savings. The Committee did specifically support the inclusion of the Bike Path Connection and the traffic light in the project, but otherwise left these VE items to the Building Committee for decision making.

Near the end of the meeting, after the rank order list had been created, a motion was made as follows: to recommend that if necessary, the Payroll Office be moved out of the High School, and to have that change be ranked before any of the educational items. This suggestion was not supported by the Superintendent. However, after much discussion by the Committee, the motion passed, 5-2. The rank order list below reflects this.

School Committee rank order if additional cuts must be made:

1. Move Payroll out of the High School
2. Reduce the size of Menotomy Preschool Classrooms
3. Reduce the size of the Chorus classroom
4. Reduce the size of the Black Box Theatre
5. Reduce the size of the LABBB program space