

Building Expansion Committee Meeting

Meeting Notes

5:30 pm

3-15-23

Members Present: John Falconer, Lindy Falconer, Nate Lebel, Shahanna Lebel, Craig Hamelin, Stacey Campbell, Kristin Brooks, Deb Greene, Tim Stevens, Tanya Young, Robert Murphy, Michelle Strassburger, Brook Stevens, Tia Cloutier, Ron Patterson, Amber Calhoun, Jenny Keazer, Mary Jolles, Kim Wheelock

- 1. Welcome and Introduction of New Members and Guests**
The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm.
- 2. Review and Approval of Minutes of 2-9-23**
The minutes of February 9 were reviewed and approved.
- 3. Annual School Meeting Bond Vote Results and Follow-up**
The committee discussed the results of the vote and lack of opportunity for discussion and deliberation. Discussion concerning public forums and communication in February and March ensued.
- 4. Survey Results**
The Committee was surveyed in advance of the meeting and expressed their ideas about future directions. A handout of options that was generated in response to the survey was reviewed.
- 5. Future Options - Dependent on legislation and state funding**
The committee decided to wait until summer (after the biennial budget was set) to discuss future options and next steps. Debra reported on her testimony to the House Education Committee in Concord on March 10.

6. Next Steps - Meet in July

7. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm.

Options for Path Forward with Colebrook Building Project

******* All of these goal options are available upon legislative approval of state building aid.

^^^ This option is dependent upon adoption of amended HB 452 to permit donations to apply to the local contribution. The amendment #1017H was passed by the committee 20-0 and HB 452 as amended will go to the floor with a recommendation on the consent calendar!

Goal	Funding	Law/Regulations/ Policy	Process
Article 1 and 2 - total project			
*** Full funding of complete building project (\$14.8 million total cost; \$ 8.8 million state building aid; \$ 5.9 million local contribution)	State Building Aid and Bond	RSA 198 and ED Rules 321	3/5 Vote of Colebrook Voters at Annual Meeting in March, 2024. OR Special meeting would require court approval for local appropriation (bond) that would be difficult to obtain.
*** Full funding of complete building project (\$14.4 million total cost; \$ 8.8 million state building aid; \$ 5.9 million local contribution)	State Building Aid and Donation = 100 % of project costs. No local appropriation needed	HB 452 - change under consideration to permit gifts, charitable trust and donations to the local contribution instead of to the total project cost. ^^^ ED Rules - to accept building aid still requires approval of Colebrook Voters	Majority Vote of Colebrook Voters at Special Meeting or in March 2024. AND No court approval for the special meeting if no local appropriation.
Full funding of complete building project (\$14.8 million total cost)	100% donation or donation and grant in combination.	RSA 198:20-b unanticipated revenue Board Policy KCD Authorizes the board to accept and expend funds for a specific purpose Excludes funds appropriated for the same purpose.	Public Hearing of the School Board followed by action of the school board. AND No Colebrook voter approval is required.
Article I only - Excludes Gymnasium			
*** Full funding of partial building project (CTE, HS Classes, Renovation (excludes gym)) (\$11.6 million total cost:	State Building Aid and Bond	RSA 198 and ED Rules 321	3/5 Vote of Colebrook Voters in Annual Meeting in March, 2024. OR Special meeting would require court approval for

<p>\$ 6.9 million state building aid; \$ 4.6 million local contribution)</p>			<p>local appropriation (bond) that would be difficult to obtain.</p>
<p>*** Full funding of partial building project (CTE, HS Classes, Renovation (excludes gym)) (\$11.6 million total cost: \$ 6.9 million state building aid; \$ 4.6 million local contribution)</p>	<p>State Building Aid + Donation = 100 % of project costs. No local contribution needed.</p>	<p>HB 452 - change under consideration to permit gifts, charitable trust and donations to the local contribution instead of to the total project cost.^^^ ED Rules - to accept building aid still requires approval of Colebrook Voters</p>	<p>Majority Vote of Colebrook Voters at Special Meeting or in March 2024. AND No court approval for the special meeting if no local appropriation.</p>
<p>Full funding of partial building project (CTE, HS Classes, Renovation (excludes gym)) (\$11.6 million total cost)</p>	<p>100% donation or donation and grant in combination.</p>	<p>RSA 198:20-b unanticipated revenue Board Policy KCD Authorizes the board to accept and expend funds for a specific purpose, Excludes funds appropriated for the same purpose.</p>	<p>Public Hearing of the School Board followed by action of the school board. AND No Colebrook Voter approval is required.</p>

Submitted to Building Expansion Committee on 3-15-23
By Debra Taylor