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STONEHAM SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE TAKES NEXT STEP TOWARD A FUTURE HIGH SCHOOL

Stoneham, MA - The Stoneham School Building Committee (SSBC), at its virtual meeting on September 28, 2020, identified a total of five potential designs for a future Stoneham High School which they would like to move forward. These five designs will be highlighted - along with all of the designs drafted by Perkins and Will – in the Preliminary Design Program (PDP) to be submitted to the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) this month.

At that meeting, the Committee was given an educational plan update from Superintendent John Macero and high school Principal Bryan Lombardi. This was a detailed breakdown of what the future education goals and needs are of SHS students, which included spaces for classrooms, special education, art, music, theatre, and athletics. The Committee also reviewed the associated costs and the cost breakdown of each design.

After months of planning, seeking input from the High School Visioning Committee, as well as community engagement, the SSBC had nine plans in front of them. The SSBC must include, in its PDP submission the Code only upgrade design, one renovation only design, one renovation/addition design along with several of the new construction designs. Designs included Zero Net Energy goals, consideration of re-positioning athletic fields and community pedestrian access to areas such as an expeditionary trail traversing the site.

SSBC discussed the options, pros and cons of each of the envisioned designs before selecting those they especially liked as part of the submission to MSBA. The entire meeting can be seen on SCTV and information can be viewed on the SSBC page of the Town of Stoneham's website.

The next SSBC meeting will be Monday, October 13, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. and the agenda will include a review of the schedule and goals for next phase in the project – the Preferred Schematic Review, and consideration of a construction delivery method. Details on connecting to the virtual meeting, along with an agenda and SCTV broadcast schedule can be found at <https://www.stoneham-ma.gov/627/School-Building-Committee> . Residents can also submit emails with questions and comments to SSBC@stoneham-ma.gov.