

Town of Norwood - School Committee
Forum for: Middle School Building Project (11th Forum)
In-Person @ Norwood High School - GSU Lecture Hall
Thursday, January 26, 2023

A Middle School Building Project Public Forum was held on Thursday, January 26, 2023. The forum was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

School Committee Members Present: Ms. Teresa Stewart, Dr. Joan Giblin, Mr. David Hiltz and Ms. Kate Sibbing-Dunn

Committee Member not in Attendance: Ms. Anne Marie Mazzola, Chair

Administrators Present: Dr. Dave Thomson, Superintendent of Schools; Dr. Charisse Taylor, Director of Strategic Initiatives

Middle School Building Committee:

Mr. Alan Slater, Middle School Building Committee Chair	Mr. Tony Mazzucco, General Manager
Ms. Teresa Stewart, School Committee Member	Mr. Matt Lane, Selectman
David Hiltz, School Committee Member	Mr. Bob Donnelly, Selectman
Dr. David Thomson, NPS Superintendent	Ms. Cathy Carney, MCPPO-Purchasing
Mr. Paul Riccardi - Facilities Director	Mr. Gary Pelletier - Building Inspector
Dr. Margo Fraczek, Principal, Coakley Middle School	
Ms. Diane Ferreira, Principal, Balch Elementary School	

Architect:

Ai3 Architects, LLP	
James Jordan	Mr. Thibeault
Kristen Kendall	Darren Sawyer

OPM: Vertex

Tim Bonfatti	Mr. Jarvis
Chin Lin	Chase Terrio
Diane Guenthner	Anissa Ellis

WT Rich Construction (WTR)

Jon Rich	Bethany King
Tim Farrell	Steve Koutalakis
Johnny Rich	Alex Corbett
Harvey Eskenas	

In partnership with the Massachusetts School Building Authority

Agenda:

- Introduction of Team
- Design Update
- Project Schedule
- Construction Logistics / What to Expect
- Public Communication

Mr. Alan Slater, Chairman of the Middle School Building Project, welcomed everyone to this evening's public forum at Norwood High School in the GSU Lecture Hall. He informed that a lot has happened since the last public forum. He informed that after a competitive process, W.T. Rich has been hired as the Construction Manager at Risk. Also, during the design development there has been a number of

meetings with various committees and sports groups in Norwood to coordinate the project and bring them up to date on how the project will affect their activities.

Mr. Slater had the project team introduce themselves:

- Bethany King, Senior Project Manager for W.T. Rich;
- Justin Thibeault, Ai3 Architects;
- Chase Terrio, Vertex, Town's Owners Project Manager;
- Harvey Eskenas, W. T. Rich;
- Tim Bonfatti, Vertex, Project Manager

Mr. Thibeault reviewed that the process for the new Middle School started in 2016-2017 and a Statement of Interest was generated in 2018. He informed that we are currently in the Module 6 phase:

- 90% Submission;
- Early Bid Package
- 100% Documents

Bethany King, Project Manager, said that on June 1st her crew will be on site preparing the area, putting in office trailers, adding pedestrian walk-ways, etc. She said that over the past few months, they have been meeting with the recreation department, youth sports programs and the fire department (emergency access) to get their buy-in to this plan.

Youth Sports Discussions Recap:

- Construction Schedule / dates
- Sports Season Schedule / dates
- Offline fields
 - When and how long?
- Athletic Lights
- Field Access
- Temp storage during construction
- Permanent storage once project is complete
- Concessions Building

The new Middle School will open in September of 2025. Work will continue as demolition of the current Middle School will begin in the fall of 2023.

At this point in the meeting there was an opportunity for questions and comments.

Mr. Slater thanked everyone for coming this evening.

- The Project Website: <https://newcmsproject.org> ; and
- Project Email: cmsproject@nowoodma.gov

The Middle School Building Project Public Forum ended at 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna G. Doliner, Clerk
Norwood School Committee