

PROJECT MINUTES

Project:	W. Edward Balmer Elementary School Feasibility Study	Project No .:	17020
Prepared by:	Joel Seeley	Meeting Date:	7/25/2017
Re:	School Building Committee Meeting	Meeting No:	6
Location:	High School Media Center	Time:	6:30pm
Distribution:	School Building Committee Members, Attendees (MF)		

Attendees:

PRESENT	NAME	AFFILIATION	VOTING MEMBER
\checkmark	Joseph Strazzulla	Chairman, School Building Committee	Voting Member
~	Melissa Walker	School Business Manager	Voting Member
	James Marzec	Chairman, Board of Selectmen	Voting Member
	Michael LeBrasseur	Member, School Committee	Voting Member
~	Paul Bedigian	Representative of the Building, Planning, Construction Committee	Voting Member
~	Steven Gogolinski	Representative of the Finance Committee	Voting Member
	Jeffrey Tubbs	Community Member with building design and/or construction experience	Voting Member
✓	Peter L'Hommedieu	Community Member with building design and/or construction experience	Voting Member
	Jeff Lundquist	Community Member with building design and/or construction experience	Voting Member
	Andrew Chagnon	Community Member with building design and/or construction experience	Voting Member
✓	Spencer Pollock	Parent Representative	Voting Member
	Theodore Kozak	Town Manager	Non-Voting Member
✓	Dr. Catherine Stickney	Superintendent of Schools	Non-Voting Member
✓	Steve Von Bargen	Building Maintenance Local Official	Non-Voting Member
✓	Karlene Ross	Principal, W. Edward Balmer Elementary School	Non-Voting Member
✓	Jill Healy	Principal, Northbridge Elementary School	Non-Voting Member
	Kathleen Perry	Director of Pupil Personnel Services	Non-Voting Member
✓	Lee Dore	D & W, Architect	
✓	Don Walter	D & W, Architect	
	Jason Boone	D & W, Architect	
✓	Thomas Hengelsberg	D & W, Architect	
✓	Joel Seeley	SMMA, OPM	

Item #	Action	Discussion	
6.1	Record	Call to Order, 6:59 PM, meeting opened.	
6.2	Record	J. Strazzulla announced the meeting will be video and audio recorded with live broadcast and future re-broadcast.	
6.3	Record	J. Strazzulla introduced S. Von Bargen as the District's new Director of Facilities and member of the School Building Committee.	
6.4	Record	A motion was made by P. Bedigian and seconded by S. Pollock to approve the 6/26/17 School Building Committee meeting minutes. Motion passed unanimous by those attending.	
6.5	Record	J. Seeley distributed and reviewed the updated Meetings and Agenda Schedule for the PDP Phase, attached.	
6.6	J. Marzec	J. Marzec to coordinate with Town Counsel to provide an opinion on the Riverdale Memorial Field, High School Play Fields and the Linwood Playground sites with respect to Article 97.	
6.7	J. Strazzulla	J. Strazzulla indicated the Town recently obtained a property and he will add to the Town- Owned Land characteristics spreadsheet for review by the Committee.	
6.8	Record	T. Hengelsberg distributed and reviewed the minutes from the Educational Leadership Team meeting, dated 7/6/17 and attached.	
6.9	Record	T. Hengelsberg distributed and reviewed the agendas for the Educational Visioning Workshops, attached. Three Workshops are scheduled: 1) 7/31/17 between 8:30am and 12:30pm, 2) 8/1/17 between 8:30am and 12:30pm, and 3) 8/9/17 between 8:30am and 3:30pm. All Workshops will be held in the NHS Media Center.	
6.10	Record	T. Hengelsberg presented a powerpoint of the findings of the existing conditions analysis of Balmer and NES, attached.	
		Committee Discussion:	
		 J. Strazzulla asked if D&W will be producing a cost estimate for the repairs required at each school? L. Dore indicated yes, that as part of the MSBA requirements, one of the Options to be developed and estimated is a Repair Only Option, that is an option that only addresses current system deficiencies, code compliance and accessibility issues. 	
6.11	J. Seeley Committee	 T. Hengelsberg presented a powerpoint of the preliminary findings of the study sites, attached. 1. Balmer Site, including Vail Field 2. Riverdale Memorial Field - (Map 21, Block 27) 3. High School Play Fields- (Map 24, Block 204) 4. Linwood Playground - (Map 24A, Block 56) 5. Hill Street Farm - (Map 11, Block 54) 6. Puccio Site - (Map 24, Block 21) 7. Bald Hill - (Map 14, Block 15) 	
		Committee Discussion:	
		1. S. Pollock asked if there could be two separate vehicular access drives for Balmer?	

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		T. Hengelsberg indicated the easement off North Main Street is narrow and between two residences and may be difficult to traverse with large vehicles and busses. The most likely way to obtain two separate vehicular access drives is to have both access from Crescent Street, as wide apart as possible, but both will be studied.
		2. J. Strazzulla indicated the private parcels may not be correctly ranked as high as shown since they will be required to be purchased.
		3. P. Bedigian indicated the same concern and that having an option that leaves a closed Balmer for the Town to have to address would lower their ranking as well.
		4. J. Strazzulla indicated losing fields without replacing them would lower the ranking of the small public parcels as well.
		 5. K. Ross asked if an Impact to Student Learning criteria can be added for each site? L. Dore indicated that would be more applicable once the seven potential sites are reduced in number and design options, whether renovations, renovations/additions or new construction, are developed.
		 6. S. Pollock asked if reducing the amount of potential sites is typical at this stage of the study? L. Dore indicated if there are sites that are clearly more viable than others, or visversa, than yes it is appropriate to reduce the quantity at this stage.
		J. Seeley to forward the presentation to the Committee for review. The Committee to be prepared to provide direction at the next Committee meeting on the continued viability of each site.
6.12	Committee	The PR subcommittee update:
	Members J. Seeley L. Dore	 C. Stickney distributed and reviewed the flyer and poster board advertisement, attached, for Community Forum No. 1 to be held at the Balmer Cafeteria on 8/1/17 between 6:00pm and 8:00pm. The poster boards have been placed in the Senior Center, Library, Town Hall, NES, NHS, Central Administration, Community Center and the Food Pantry. C. Stickney suggested the Forum utilize the "Exit Ticket" tool that the School Committee uses for public input at the conclusion of the Forum.
		2. C. Stickney indicated the student video taping of the tour of Balmer and NES has been posted on the High School Youtube channel.
		3. C. Stickney indicated NCTV will be assisting in the development of an additional video tour.
		 The tour of Balmer and NES by Committee members was held on 7/15/2017 at 9:00am with the following Committee member impressions:
		S. Gogolinski: The condition of NES was an eye opener P. L'Hommedieu: Had been in Balmer and NES multiple times, but had not really understood the aged condition of each.

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		S. Pollock: Had seen a lot of pictures of the conditions, but seeing the lack of ventilation, the lack of storage and the repurposed locker rooms put the conditons in better perspective.	
		5. PR Subcommittee is working on a more formal PR program to discuss at the next Committee meeting.	
	 K. Ross indicated research is underway to confirm if this year is 50th anniversary. A Parent Meeting scheduled for 8/24/17 will b to distribute information on the Study, including flyers and post advertisements for Community Forum No. 2, scheduled for 8/28 		
		 J. Strazzulla requests two additional committee members join C. Stickney, M. LeBrasseur and A. Chagnon on the PR Subcommittee. 	
6.13	Record	J. Seeley provided an overview of the MSBA Kick-off meeting held on 7/25/17.	
6.14	Record	Next SBC Meeting: July 31, 2017 at 6:30 pm at the High School Media Center.	
6.15	Record	A Motion was made by P. Bedigian and seconded by J. Strazzulla to adjourn the meeting. No discussion, voted unanimously.	

Attachments: Agenda, Updated Meetings and Agenda Schedule for the PDP Phase, Educational Leadership Team meeting minutes, Educational Visioning Workshops agendas, Flyer for Community Forum No. 1, Powerpoint

The information herein reflects the understanding reached. Please contact the author if you have any questions or are not in agreement with these Project Minutes

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PROJECT MEETING SIGN-IN SHEET

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	427 Linwood Avenue, Whitinsville, MA		

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Agenda

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	427 Linwood Avenue, Whitinsville, MA	Meeting No.	6
Prepared by:	Joel G. Seeley		
Distribution:	Committee Members (MF)		

- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Introduction of Steve Von Bargen
- 3. Approval of Minutes
- 4. Educational Visioning Planning Update
- 5. Discussion of Existing Conditions
- 6. Discussion of Alternative Sites
- 7. PR Subcommittee Update
 - Formalize Public Relations Committee •
 - Video Tour Update •
 - July 15 Tour Committee Observations ٠
 - Balmer 50th Upcoming Events •
- 8. Preparation for Community Forum No. 1
- 9. New or Old Business
- 10. Committee Questions
- 11. Public Comments
- 12. Next Meeting:
 - August 1, 2017 at 6:00 PM - Community Forum No. 1 - Educational Visioning and Existing Conditions
 - July 31, 2017
- 13. Adjourn

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	SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE
	W. EDWARD BALMER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
	All meetings held at the
	High School Media Center at 6:30 PM
	unless otherwise noted
	MEETINGS SCHEDULE AND AGENDAS May 26, 2017 Updated July 10, 2017
DATE	AGENDA
Feasibility Study Phase	
June 26, 2017	SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE MEETING
	Introduction of Architects
	Approval of Architect's Proposal
	Discussion of Project Goals
	Discussion of Detailed Schedule
	Discussion of Alternative Sites
July 15, 2017	SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE MEETING - 9:00 AM TOUR OF W. EDWARD BALMER SCHOOL & NORTHBRIDGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
July 25, 2017	SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE MEETING
····,, -•··	Discussion of Educational Programming
	Discussion of Existing Conditions
	Alternative Site Analysis
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July 31, 2017	SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE MEETING Review Community Forum No. 1 Findings
	Alternative Site Analysis Update
	Discussion of Construction Alternatives
August 1, 2017	COMMUNITY FORUM NO. 1 - 6:00 to 8:00 PM - EDUCATIONAL VISIONING AND EXISTING CONDITIONS - W. EDWARD BALMER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CAFETERIA
August 15, 2017	SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE MEETING
	Educational Program Update
	Existing Conditions Update
	Alternative Site Analysis Update
	Construction Alternatives Update
August 28, 2017	COMMUNITY FORUM NO. 2 - 6:00 to 8:00 PM - CONSTRUCTION ALTERNATIVES - NORTHBRIDGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CAFETERIA
August 29, 2017	SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE MEETING Beview Community Forum No. 2 Findings
	Review Community Forum No. 2 Findings Construction Alternatives Updates
	Discussion of Sustainable Design Goals
	Alternative Site Analysis Update
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September 5, 2017	SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE MEETING
	Construction Alternatives Update Discussion of Cost Models
September 18, 2017	COMMUNITY FORUM NO. 3 - 6:00 to 8:00 PM - UPDATED CONSTRUCTION ALTERNATIVES - W. EDWARD BALMER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CAFETERIA
September 19, 2017	SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE MEETING
Ceptember 13, 2017	Review Community Forum No. 3 Findings
	Construction Alternatives Update
	Discussion of Cost Models
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October 3, 2017	SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE MEETING
	Evaluate Refined Construction Alternatives Review Cost Models
	Vote to Submit PDP and Top 3 Alternatives
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October 6, 2017	SUBMIT PDP PACKAGE TO MSBA
	ADDITIONAL MEETINGS TO BE SCHEDULED



NORTHBRIDGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS W. EDWARD BALMER SCHOOL

Join us for a community meeting on

August 1, 2017

To learn about and share your thoughts on a new or renovated school project!

We want to hear from you!

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING

Review the first visioning sessions of:

- how a new school might be organized
- the steps taken so far to develop the educational program
- grades served and school size

EXISTING SCHOOL CONDITIONS

Gain an understanding of:

- what condition the existing elementary schools are in now
- what environment educators and students are working in
- what is needed just to bring buildings up to code

PROCESS AND SCHEDULE

Find out:

- what is the MA School Building Authority (MSBA)
- how the Town is partnering with the MSBA
- what is the project schedule and process

FEASIBILITY STUDY

Learn about:

• what is a Feasibility Study and what is its scope





MSBA Building Process



• the steps required to develop the study



MEETING LOCATION:

W. Edward Balmer School Cafeteria 21 Crescent Street, Whitinsville

August 1 - 6:00 - 8:00 PM

Project Website: https://www.nps.org/w-edward-balmer-school-building-project

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MEETING MINUTES 1



DATE OF MEETING: July 6, 2017

PROJECT: W. EDWARD BALMER ES FEASIBILITY STUDY

PROJECT NO.: 17-0759

SUBJECT: LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETING

ATTENDING: Don Walter - DWA Lee Dore - DWA Tom Hengelsberg - DWA Jason Boone - DWA Giovanna Chaisson - DWA Frank Locker – FL Edu. Planning Joel Seeley – SMMA (OPM)

Tim McCain – NHS AP Steve Von Bargen – Dir Facilities & Ops. Kathy Perry - Dir of Pupil Personnel Svcs Jill Healy – NES John Zywien – NMS Amy McKinstry – Dir of Curriculum Theresa Gould – Balmer ES Karlene Ross – Principal, Balmer ES Catherine Stickney – Superintendent Bob O'Brien – NMS Melissa Walker – Business Mgr.

ITEM	MINUTES	ACTION/ WHO	STATUS / DATE
01-1	Welcome and thanks was given to all participants for their time and commitment to this process.		Closed
01-2	MSBA Feasibility Study Process Overview: Tom Hengelsberg gave a brief overview of the Feasibility Study process, referring to a graphic time line. Major steps are submission of Preliminary Design Program (PDP), Preferred Schematic Report (PSR), and Schematic Design submission. The design team will take a two-track approach in the beginning of feasibility phase, looking at the existing conditions of the buildings involved – Balmer ES and Northbridge ES, with limited look at NMS 5 th grade – and at the same time conduct educational visioning and planning activities.		Closed
01-3	Joel Seeley gave dates for public meetings to report to the community on this process and hopefully get input from community members: July 31 August 1 at Balmer ES; Aug 28 at Northbridge ES; and Sept 18 at Balmer.	DWA to produce posters for <u>Aug 1</u> by 7/14.	Open
01-4	Leadership Team's goal/objectives for project: Frank Locker led the main part of the meeting, soliciting the Team's hopes and concerns for the project. [Mr. Locker's notes are attached.]	FL to include these notes in ed plan record.	Closed

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01-5	Visioning Session Agendas: Content and Expectations: The main obstacle, as always, is too much good content, not enough time. It was agreed that the sessions will be: July 31: 8:30 am – 12:30 pm Aug 1: 8:30 am – 12:30 pm Aug 9: 8:30 am – 3:30 pm Discussion on fine points of agendas continued after the larger group broke up with Superintendent's core team.	FL to finalize agendas within 48 hrs. [Final Agendas attached.]	Closed
01-6	Existing space uses at BES/NES: Tom Hengelsberg handed out basic floor plan drawings of each ES to the respective principals, and asked them to fill in the current uses of each space on the plan.	BES and NES principals to return these drawings no later than 3 weeks.	Open

The above is intended to be an accurate summation of this meeting. Please contact me with any additions, deletions, and/or corrections, for incorporation into these minutes. After 10 days, we will accept these minutes as an accurate summary of our discussion and enter them into the permanent record of the project.

Sincerely,

DORE & WHITTIER ARCHITECTS, INC.

Architects
Project Managers

TOM HENGELSBERG, AIA, NCARB, LEED AP, MCPPO PROJECT MANAGER

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W. EDWARD BALMER SCHOOL + NORTHBRIDGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL Educational Visioning Notes Educator Workshop 6th July 2017



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A group of approximately 12 central office and building educational leaders met with the design team to create a foundation understanding for the project. Comments by topic area follow:

Hopes

- Create building that is inclusive
 - o Barrier free
 - Now the Handicapped Classroom is off the Gym
- As energy-efficient as possible
 - Show efficiencies when the building is being designed
 - Show payback
 - Northbridge has been designated as a "green community"
 - ✓ Beyond intent, it is not clear what that fully means
 - MSBA guidelines have had some revisions recently in their calculation of credits for sustainability
 - The Dore and Whittier (D&W) team will research both local and MSBA aspects of this issue
- Toilets
 - At Balmer elementary School (BES), two have been converted to offices
 - Summer Programs
 - There are many
 - o Hope they can be comfortably housed in the future building
 - o They are moved to modular classrooms due to available air conditioning
 - The state of the art in sustainability does not rely on air conditioning, but dehumidified displacement air distributed slowly in mass volumes. It feels almost like air conditioning for considerably less energy consumption
 - Special education spaces might need air conditioning due to the needs of students served
- Spl Ed needs
 - Enhanced audio is very important
 - o D&W regularly specify enhanced audio, such as "SoundField"
 - ✓ Often in all instructional spaces
 - ✓ Research shows teachers have fewer sick days with enhanced audio
- Public Meetings
 - Hope for hugely transparent project
- Concern for pushback
 - o Community needs to see the community benefits of any proposed Options
 - There is history in the town
 - ✓ Partly about money
 - ✓ Partly historical tradition
 - Schools are believed to get "all the money" but always want more
 - o Other town facilities need improvement, so this project will be perceived as competition
 - o Frank Noted the first day of Visioning is first day of Marketing
 - ✓ Select participants with future roles as spokespersons in mind
 - ✓ Ask "nay-sayers" to participate
 - o Make sure community knows we have looked at all reasonable Options
 - ✓ Lots of time to be thorough
 - ✓ Lots of meetings are needed with the public
 - Designing for multiple uses of facilities or inclusion of outside user spaces could increase community acceptance and support. Could include:
 - ✓ Senior Center
 - ✓ A Community Space, perhaps



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- Theater to rent
- Beginning Bridges Preschool
- Parent Resource Center
- Senior Citizen Resource Center
- MSBA guidelines say that if there is no school use, funding will be all at local cost
- The new building designs will have a public side and a secure side to protect students and educators
- Space needs will be developed with reference to the MSBA Space Summary:
 - The design team will modify the MSBA template to make it appropriate for Balmer/Northbridge
- The Ed Plan written by district with input from the architect
 - o It is a narrative about current and future programs and services
 - MSBA revised the formatting and expectations on Feb 2016. Samples of completes submissions are available on their website
 - ✓ For all options, variations in Ed Plan will be necessary
 -) PK-5
 - 2-4
 - Could be done with a base Ed Plan and variations for each of the Options
 -) Include the impact on middle school (MS) of dropping 5th Grade to the elementary years

Concerns

- Age of both buildings
 - o Electrical systems outdated
 - ✓ Not adequate
- Security and safety
 - Need lockdown procedures clarified
 - ✓ Day 1 Workshop will address this issue

Grade Options

- Lots of apprehension now re 5th Grade in the MS
 - Parents are concerned about the influence of MS students
- The educators want to move 5th to the elementary school (ES) for educational reasons, as educational deliveries are more like elementary than middle
 - The MS is not bursting now
- Lots of MS is old (1905), needs repair
- Repurpose 1905 building to District Offices
- 5th Grade now isolated in MS
 - o Better to have 5th as role models for ES
- If PK-1/2-4

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- Sequential schools are hard for collaboration among educators
 - ✓ Discontinuities in data occur
 - ✓ 4 to 5, big gap in test scores results
 - PK-5 supports continuity and collaboration
 - ✓ Fewer transitions
 - ✓ 5th Grade curriculum framework will look more like 6th
- NES and Balmer have shared PTAs
 - Therefore one school exists in their minds
- Neighborhood schools
 - o Not in recent history in Northbridge, therefore not much of a concern





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W. EDWARD BALMER SCHOOL + NORTHBRIDGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL **Educational Visioning** Notes Educator Workshop 6th July 2017

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- 1,000 vs 500 students .
 - o Feedback from some community members
 - ✓ Doing only one building does not solve problem and may be not biggest problem, at Northbridge Elementary
 - Expected costs 0

 - ✓ 500 students: \$50M
 ✓ 1,030 students: \$100M
- Show how the PK-5 Option solves many issues
- Enrollments
 - 0 Slowly declining
 - Available space in existing buildings can be repurposed, such as for district 0
 - administration
- Pre-K
 - In future expected to be between 75 and 100/120 children
 - Now dropped enrollment
 - o Recently added full-day options due to available space
- Could a Grade 2-4 school become 2-5 school during design?
 - Yes, yes, there are precedents
 - ✓ Would need town leadership to advocate
 - o Or make a smaller PK-5 smaller, and add to it later
 - ✓ If Northbridge wants to be a PK-5 District, set it up now

Sites

- Originally four public sites were identified
 - o Balmer
 - MS 0
 - Riverdale/Goulet/Rockwood
 - o Lynnwood
- Three possible private sites were identified
 - o A Pk-12 campus would be ideal
 - But not very feasible
- Community will want to maintain playfields at Balmer
 - Town owns the fields
 - 0 MSBA limits site cost reimbursement to 8% of total cost
- One educator liked how Dore & Whittier showed how to change traffic flow





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DAY 1

31st July 2017 **DEVELOPING UNDERSTANDING** Welcome/Introductions/Workshop Guidelines 8:30 Catherine Stickney, Superintendent Frank Locker, PhD 8:40 **Discussion of Pre-Workshop Videos** Whole group discussion 9:00 Snapshot of Northbridge elementary schools School/district representative 10:00 21st Century Schools 1 Presentation What's important/not important for future teaching and learning at our elementary schools? Small group discussions, report out 10:10 BREAK 11:10 21st Century Schools 2 Presentation What's important/not important for future teaching and learning at our elementary schools?

- Small group discussions, report out
- 11:20 Safety + Security Presentation Whole group discussion
- 11:30 What Works at Our Elementary School(s)? What Could be Better? Whole group discussion
- 12:05 Learning Modalities Individual vote
- 12:30 ADJOURN



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DAY 2

1 st August 2017 EDUCATIONAL DEFINITION
8:30 Welcome Back Catherine Stickney Frank Locker
Videos Whole group discussion
8:40 School Organizational Structure: Overall Small group discussions, report out
9:50 School Organizational Structure: Internal Small group discussions, report out
11:00 BREAK
11:10EACH TABLE TEAM PICKS 1 Innovations in Education 1:Innovations in Education 2: Making Things to LearnInnovations in Education 3: Mastery/Adaptive Learning
Small group discussions, report out
12:25 Homework assignment: School in 2037
12:30 ADJOURN



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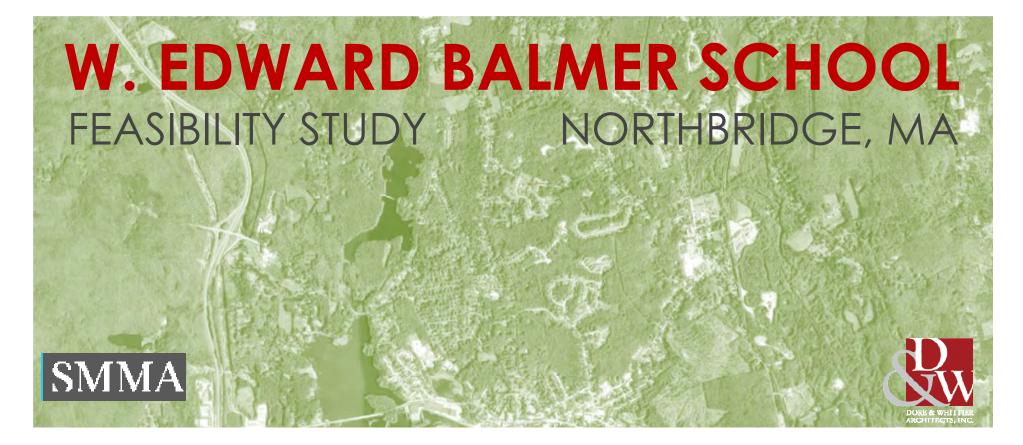
DAY 3

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FACILITIES DEFINITION	
8:30	Welcome Back
	Catherine Stickney
	Frank Locker
	Videos
	Whole group discussion
8:40	Homework reviewed: School in 2037
	Whole group discussion
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	Micro Team discussions, report out
10:40	Places for Learning
	Small group discussions, report out
11.55	LUNCH + Lunch Theater
11.55	Video + Reflections. How does this apply to us?
	Whole group discussion
12:25	Defining Spaces
	Small group discussions, report out
1:30	Overall School Organization Diagrams
1.50	2-4 and PK-5 options
	Whole group discussion
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3:00	Key Words
	Individual reflections, report out
3:20	Next Steps
	Catherine Stickney
	Architect
	OPM

3:30 ADJOURN







SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE MEETING

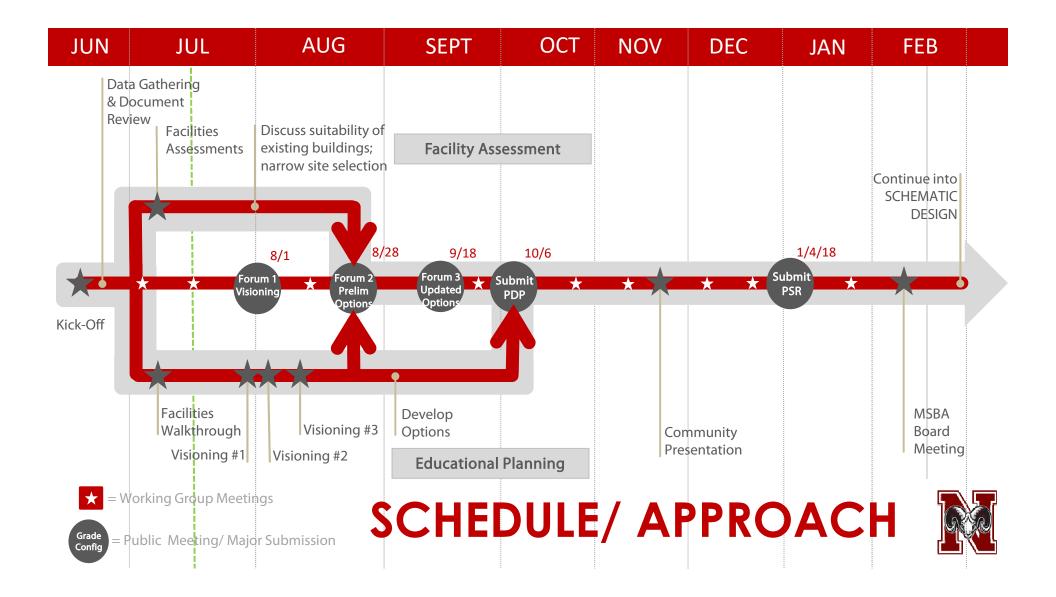
JULY 25, 2017

July 25, 2017

- Update of Educational Planning & Visioning/ Schedule
- Review of Existing Conditions Assessments
- Review of Preliminary Site Assessments

agenda





VISIONING WORKSHOPS AND MEETINGS SCHEDULED July 31: Visioning 1 "Developing Understanding" 8:30 AM – 12:30 PM July 31: SBC Meeting 6:30 PM – report out day's results August 1: Visioning 2 "Educational Definition"

8:30 AM - 12:30 PM

August 1: Community Forum #1 – report out V1&V2 results,

gather at-large community input

VISIONING WORKSHOPS AND MEETINGS SCHEDULED

August 9: Visioning 3 "Facilities Definition"

8:30 AM - 3:30 PM

August 15: SBC Meeting

- report out V3 results
- tie together visioning activities
- conclusions and take-aways
- next steps for writing the education program



OVERALL OBSERVATIONS:

- No major red flags or highly dangerous safety conditions
- Site circulation & drainage issues
- Building envelopes need upgrades/ better insulation
- Exterior curtain wall/ window issues
- Roofs aging, ready for replacement
- Many major accessibility issues
- Tired, worn interiors
- M-E-P equipment, controls, lighting, need replacement
- Haz-mat abatement needed, both buildings

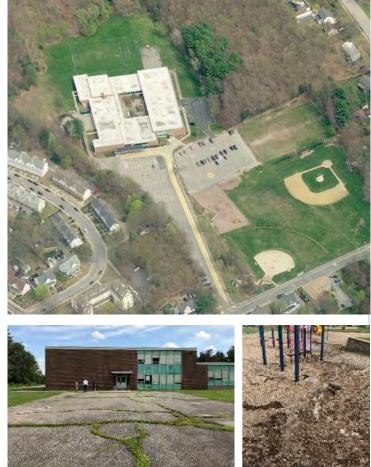






Site

- Narrow entrance
- Bus line up cramped for 17 busses
- Car drop off circulation through parking
- Inadequate parking
- *Poor circulation/ one entry-exit*
- Paving, playground, walks in poor condition
- Courtyard overgrown, needs maintenance Civil/Drainage
- Poor drainage north (rear) field often wet
- Drainage does not meet MA DEP standards
- Erosion of playground from paving runoff
- Advise snaking storm drains with camera



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Architecture

Windows:

- Original Single glazed wall highly inefficient
- Spandrel panels rusting & leaking
- Sealants and gaskets degraded and peeling

Exterior Walls:

- Brick in very good condition; few cracks
- Some staining/algae/lichen growth due to wetting
- Failing sealants
- Spalling concrete at loading dock











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Architecture

Roof:

- Sarnafil membrane roof in fair to good condition
- Many patches due to holes created by shoveling snow
- Minor ponding and a few soft spots
- Original flashings with a few issues







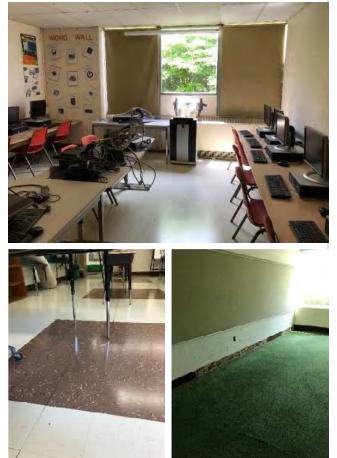




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Interior Environment:

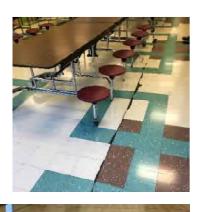
- Summer north classrooms and other spaces often have condensation on floors, leading to mildew growth. Dehumidifiers run in hot, humid weather. Decontamination often necessary in August before school starts.
- Computer lab overheated even with AC unit
- General lack of temperature control in winter
- Day and night setting only on leaky pneumatic controls
- Drafty windows and doors with leaking air seals
- Single-glazed windows hot in shoulder months, cold in winter. Added heat mirror coating has done little to address this.



Architecture

Floors:

- Vinyl asbestos tile (VAT) in most spaces, some friable
- Wood gym floor in poor condition
- Lobby terrazzo cracked
- VAT worn at pivot points (doors, stairs)
- Mosaic tile dingy, many missing sections
- Kitchen quarry tile good condition
- Missing/detached base, many locations











Architecture

Walls:

- Settlement cracks in CMU walls, some out of plane
- Peeling paint on some GWB walls
- Whole building needs fresh paint walls are grimy
- Wear and tear normal for older building
- Toilet room glazed tile in fair to good condition









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Architecture

Ceilings:

- Most ceiling tiles are sagging
- Water stains from leaks in most spaces
- Many damaged tiles
- Most grids are yellowed and discolored
- Main entrance updated recently













Structure

- Structure is performing well
- Cracks in CMU walls are normal, of no major concern
- Concrete spalling at foundation
- No signs of major settlement
- Roof cut recommended to verify deck condition

Hazmat

- *VAT*
- Friable pipe insulation
- Spline ceiling tile in cafetorium?
- Pending thorough analysis









Mechanical:

- General: HVAC systems far beyond expected life and most equipment requires updating.
- Boilers working but inefficient
- Unit vents original, noisy, inefficient, no CO₂ DCV, hard to get parts
- No supplemental HW terminal units
- Gym (2) AHUs inefficient, lack control
- Cafetorium uses unit vents! Should have AHU/ RTU w/ DCV
- Inadequate ventilation, temp control; leaky pneumatic system replace with DDC
- DHWH, pneum. compressor recently replaced!
- Need to remove abandoned fuel oil UST











facilities assessment

Electrical:

- Fire alarm system non-compliant
- Generator in poor condition, requires replacement
- Life Safety lighting is non-code-compliant, requires upgrades
- Electrical distribution in poor condition, requires upgrades
- GFI protection non-compliant, should be corrected
- Lighting inefficient, in poor condition, needs LED upgrades
- Inadequate convenience receptacles many extension cords/ plug strips creating a fire hazard
- Paging system updated, but wiring + speakers in poor condition
- Telephone system antiquated. District-standardized, expandable VOIP system should be provided



facilities assessment



Plumbing:

- Tap water labeled non-potable
- Many fixtures should be changed out for water-efficient type
- Some accessibility improvements made, but many TRs not accessible
- Many drinking fountains not accessible, inefficient, lack pressure
- Gang sinks in TRs original, very poor condition or not functional
- Floor drain too high, does not drain
- Original drainage plumbing should be snaked with camera
- Roof drains set too high no sump









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BALMER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Fire Protection:

- No sprinkler system, will be required with any renovations over 7,500 SF
- Need pressure & flow test at nearest street hydrant
- Fire alarm pull stations antiquated

Technology:

- District tech initiatives are correct foundational steps; however:
- Need dedicated IT Main Distribution Room, upgrade racks. Racks now located in closets, within classrooms
- Exposed network cabling; in need of upgrade to Cat 6E
- Interactive boards of various vintages, need upgrades
- Network switching, wireless (WAN) in good condition, continue with upgrades
- Security systems recently upgraded, v. good condition.





BALMER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Original walk-in cooler and freezer to be • replaced with health code-compliant, efficient units. Presence of wood, zinc galvanized, and cement stucco finishes within are code violations.

Kitchen:

- Ceiling must be a smooth, cleanable surface
- Aging, inefficient equipment due for replacement
- Exposed utilities difficult to keep clean
- Grease trap seals shot, must be re-caulked each time trap is cleaned
- Washer in food prep space code violation



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Site

- No bus loop; curbside drop-off/ pick up?
- Car drop off loop inadequate
- Grossly inadequate parking
- Poor circulation
- Paving, playground, walks in fair condition
- No play fields adjacent, hardscape only

Civil/Drainage

- Rear yard drain is dry well, overflows into gym
- Front loop drain clogged, may also be dry well?
- Erosion of yard, swings from paving runoff
- Advise snaking storm drains with camera





1952/ 1983/ Modulars 2000

Architecture

Windows:

- '52 original wood single glazed sash highly inefficient, poor condition
- '83 aluminum, likely non-thermal, no Low E glass; functional
- Some sealants fair condition

Exterior Walls:

- Brick in generally good condition; few cracks
- Typical cracks at '83 foundation
- Spalling/failing parging at concrete
- '52 add-on garage poor condition
- Modulars fair/poor condition, rot











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Architecture

'52 Roof:

- Gray membrane in poor condition
- Many patches
- Top ply worn down to fabric scrim in many places
 '83 Roof:
- Generally fair to good condition
- Minor ponding and a few soft spots
- Original flashings with a few issues
- Poor drainage on link to '52 bldg.
- Loose insulation anchors punctures
 '08 Modulars roof:
- Generally good condition
- Sheet drains to gutters, fair condition







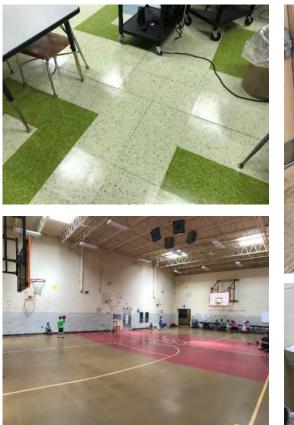


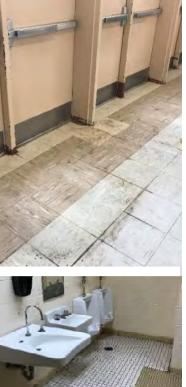


Architecture

Floors:

- Vinyl composition tile (VCT) in most spaces, could be ACM, several areas delaminated
- Concrete gym floor in fair condition, non-resilient bad for kids' joints
- Mosaic tile dingy, mismatched sections
- Missing/detached base, many locations
- Wood stage floor in poor condition





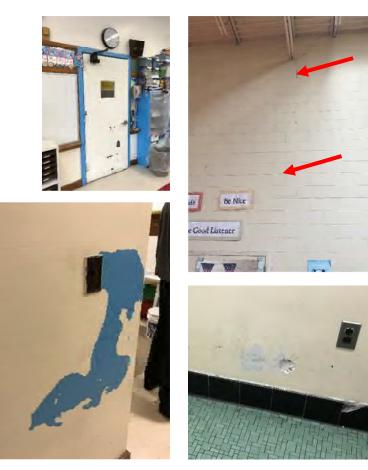




Architecture

Walls:

- Settlement cracks in CMU walls, several locations
- Peeling paint on some GWB walls poor adhesion
- Whole building needs fresh paint walls are worn, chipped, and grimy
- Wear and tear normal for older building
- Woodwork in '52 has expected wear & tear
- '52 doors in poor condition



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Architecture

Ceilings:

- '52 plaster ceilings in fair to good condition; a few leak areas
- Basement leak has damaged plaster
- '83 Most ceiling tiles are sagging
- Water stains from leaks in most spaces
- Many damaged tiles
- Soot stains on many tiles near air diffusers













Structure

- Structure is performing well
- Cracks in CMU walls are normal, of no major concern
- Minor concrete spalling/cracking at foundation
- No signs of major settlement
- Roof cut recommended to verify deck condition in soft locations

Hazmat

- VCT, but still could be ACM
- Plaster ingredients?
- *"PYRO USA" block wall '52 attic*
- Pending thorough analysis













Mechanical:

- General: HVAC systems **far beyond** service life and most equipment requires updating.
- Boilers code-compliant but inefficient
- Unit vents original, noisy, inefficient, no CO₂ DCV, hard to get parts
- Steam radiators with improvised covers in '52; no supplemental HW terminal units in some spaces
- Gym and Cafetorium horiz. unit vents inefficient, lack control. Should have AHU/ RTU w/ DCV
- Inadequate ventilation (none in some '52 spaces and corridors), erratic temp control
- Leaky pneumatic system replace with DDC
- Need to remove abandoned fuel oil UST









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Electrical:

- Fire alarm system non-compliant
- Emergency lighting is battery units which vary in condition.
- Electrical distribution in poor condition, requires upgrades
- GFI protection non-compliant, should be corrected
- Lighting inefficient, in poor condition, needs LED upgrades
- Inadequate convenience receptacles many extension cords/ plug strips creating a fire hazard
- Paging system updated, however existing wiring and speakers in poor condition
- Telephone system antiquated. District-standardized, expandable VOIP system should be provided
- No emergency/ standby generator



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Plumbing:

- Most fixtures should be changed out for water-efficient type
- Some accessibility improvements made, but many TRs not accessible
- Only one TR has child-size fixtures
- Many drinking fountains not accessible, inefficient, lack pressure, wrong height
- Plumbing leaks traced to interstitial space
- Janitor sink has chemical dispenser, no backflow preventer
- Original drainage plumbing should be snaked with camera









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Fire Protection:

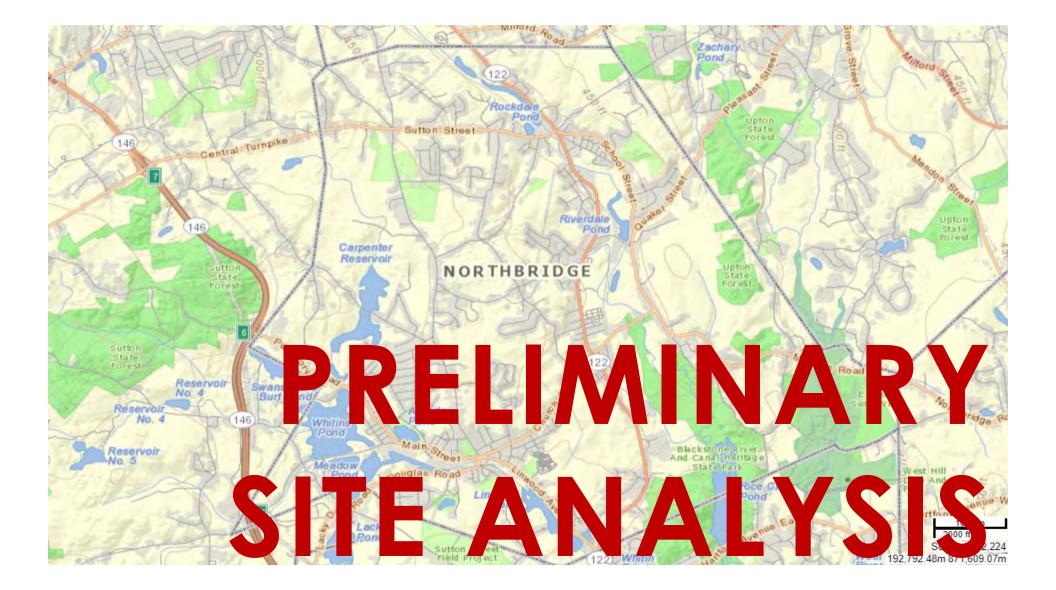
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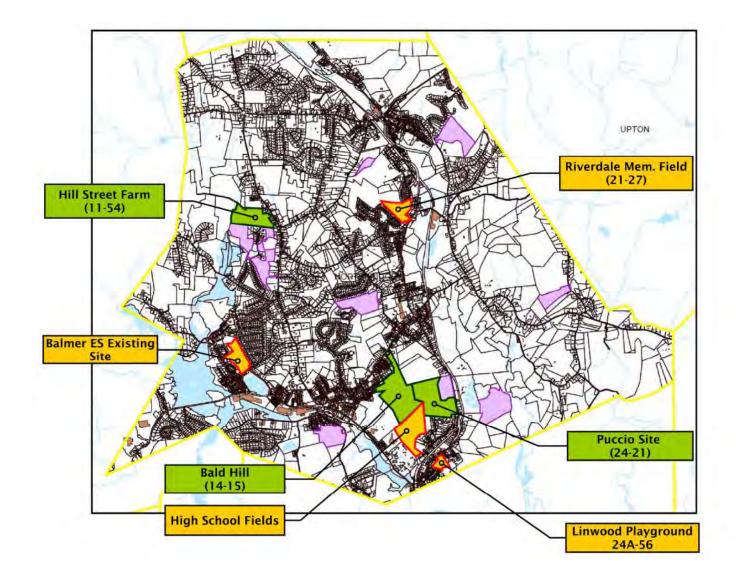
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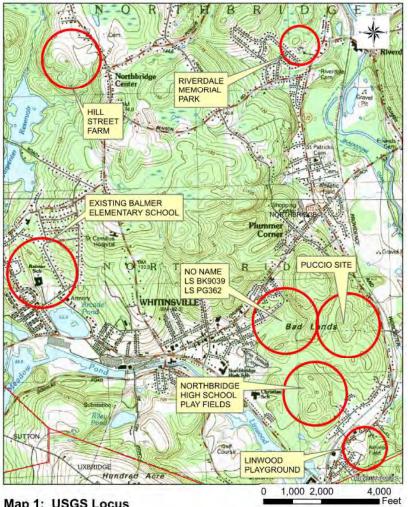
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- Security systems recently upgraded, v. good condition.













Map 1: USGS Locus Balmer Elementary School Northridge, MA

SITE EVALUATION CRITERIA

- Buildable Area (Acres)
- Wetlands/ Riparian Buffers/ Flood Zones
- Topography
- Soils
- Parklands/ Article 97 issues
- Site Utilities (Water, WW, Electric)
- Two-Way Access

- Safety
- Location/Bussing
- Land Acquisition Cost
- Potential "Fatal Flaws"

TYPICAL SITE ANALYSIS MAPS



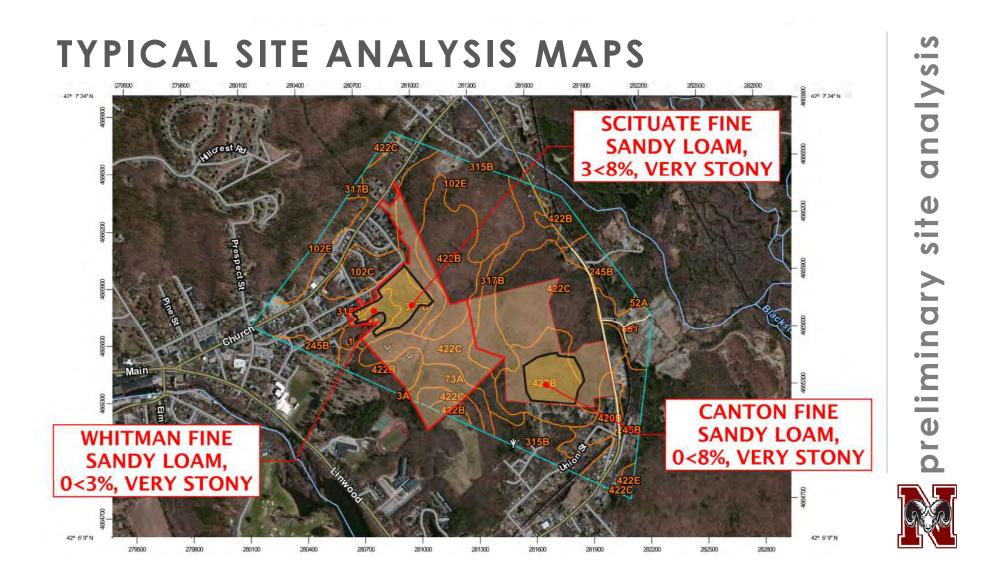
Map 2A: DEP Wetlands Map Existing Balmer Elementary School Northbridge, MA



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1,000 Feet

Map 3A: FEMA Existing Balmer Elementary School Northbridge, MA



BALMER SCHOOL (EXISTING LOCATION)



HILL STREET FARM SITE

FINDINGS: Buildable site: 29.88 acres 4 Wetlands/Riparian/Flood 4 Topo/Slopes 4 m⁴ Soils: sandy loam mod slopes 4 sunset Dr. Parkland/Art. 97 4 Water/WW 1 Electric 1 Two-Way Access 4 Safety 4 Location/Bussing 2 1,301,988 sf Purchase Price 0 TOTAL 32 Rank 2 APPROX. **BUILDABLE AREA** 10 **29.88 ACRES** Scale = 1:9.028

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BALD HILL SITE - "BAD LANDS"

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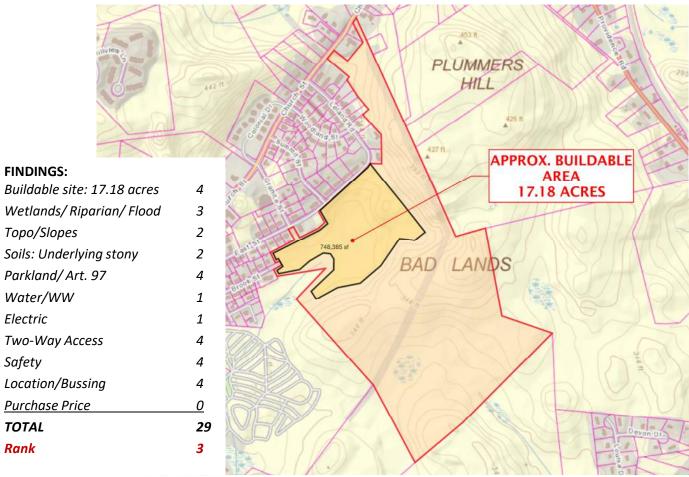
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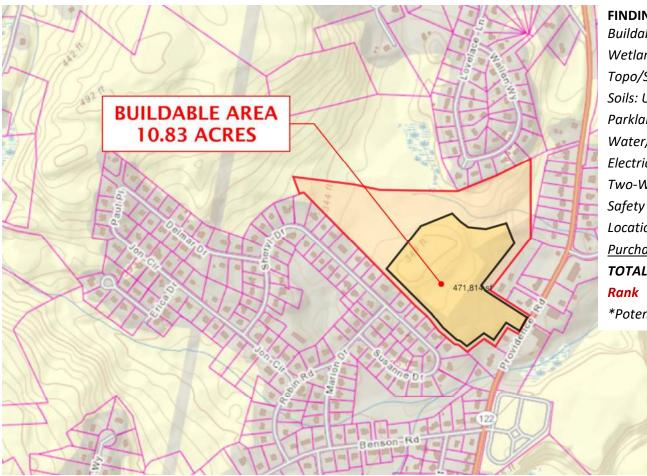
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RIVERDALE MEMORIAL FIELD



FINDINGS:

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Buildable site: 10.83 acres	3						
Wetlands/ Riparian/ Flood	4						
Topo/Slopes	3						
Soils: Underlying stony/ muck	2						
Parkland/ Art. 97	1						
Water/WW	2						
Electric	2						
Two-Way Access	0*						
Safety	4						
Location/Bussing	3						
Purchase Price	4						
TOTAL	28						
Rank							
*Potential fatal flaw							





200 ft Scale = 1:9,028

LINWOOD PLAYGROUND

Linwood Pond

FINDINGS: 0* Buildable site: 6.64 acres Wetlands/Riparian/Flood 4 Topo/Slopes 3 Soils: Suitable on flat area 4 Parkland/Art. 97 0* Water/WW 3 Electric 4 0* Two-Way Access Safety 2 Location/Bussing 4 289,290 sf Purchase Price 4 TOTAL 28 Rank 5 Blackstone River And Canal Heritage * Potential fatal flaws State Park **BUILDABLE AREA** nurch S 6.64 ACRES

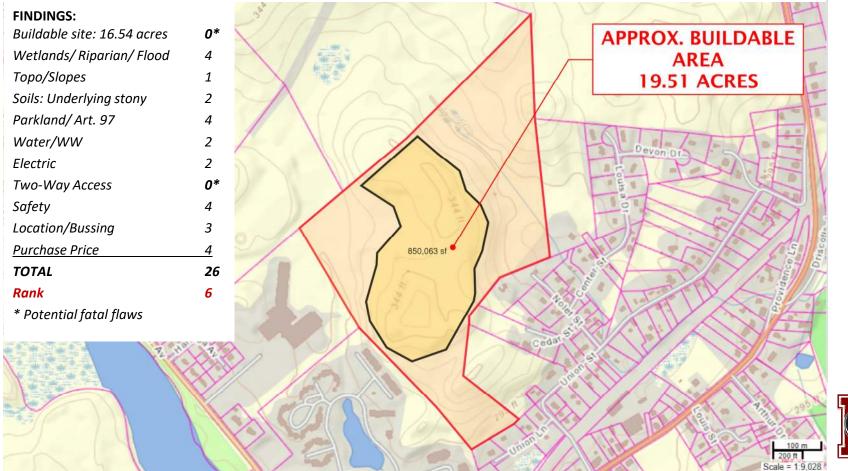
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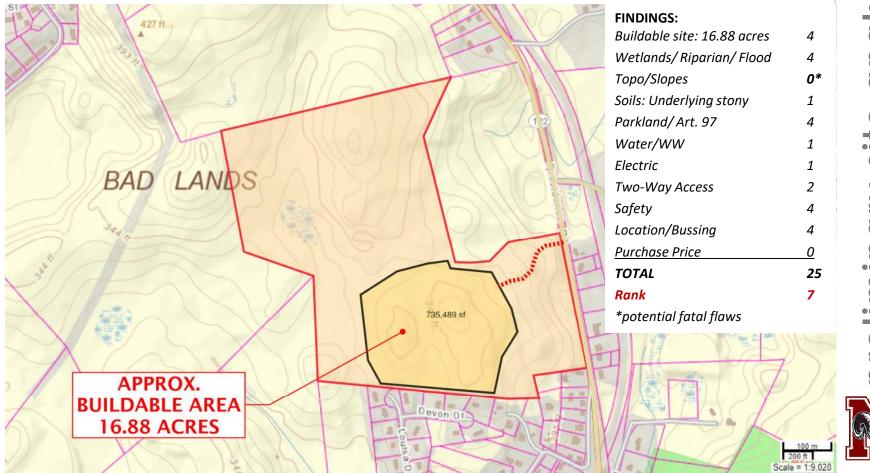
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PRELIMINARY SITE ANALYSIS

BALMER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FEASIBILITY STUDY

SITE SELECTION ANALYSIS

DORE & WHITTIER ARCHITECTS/ NITSCH ENGIKEERING/ SMMA (OPM)

MAP	BLOCK SITES	NAME	ADDRESS	ACREAGE	BUILDABLE ACREAGE	LOT SIZE	WETLAND: RIPA/FLOOD	TOPO! SLOPES	SOILS	PARKLAND! ART. 97	WATER/ SEWER	ELECTRIC	2 WAY ACCESS	SAFETY	LOCATION	PURCHASE PRICE	SCORE	RANK
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PRIVATE SITES

14	15	BALD HILL SITE "BAD LANDS"	~450 CHURCH STREET	97.3	17.18	4	3	2	2	4	1	1	4	4	4	0	29	3
24	21	PUCCIO SITE	~585 PROVIDENCE ROAD	71.95	18.88	4	4	0	1	4	1		2	4	4	0	25	7
11	54	HILL ST FARM	~1120 HILL STREET	41.2	29,88	4	4	4	4	4	1	1	4	4	2	0	32	2

SCORING:

4=MOST DESIRABLE 0=LEAST DESIRABLE DRAFT 1 7/24/2017



