

BHS New Build Committee Meeting

Sunday, February 5, 2023

Hope Bonanno called the meeting to order at 4:00pm. Those present included Hope Bonanno, Jerry Bonanno, Katie Routzahn, Brad Eye, Veronica Hatch, Sarah Fogle, City Council Members Angel White and Vaughn Ripley. Committee members Jamee Robinson and Michiko Jarrett were not present.

Introductions & Vision for the Committee – Mrs. Bonanno called the meeting to order, and the Committee members introduced themselves. Committee members discussed the Committee’s purpose, which will center on advocating before the BOE and County for reprioritization of the BHS new build through approval of the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) and the broader Educational Facilities Master Plan (EFMP).

Feb. 8, 2023, Board of Education (BOE) Meeting – The Committee discussed preparation for the February 8, 2023, BOE meeting. Committee members volunteered to speak at the BOE meeting on different topics highlighting the need to carry out the BOE’s recommendation for a replacement of BHS in a timely fashion (i.e., prior to the current scheduled completion date of 2033).

Future Advocacy and Important Meeting Dates – The Committee discussed the need for sustained advocacy before the BOE and County throughout the time when the CIP/EFMP is being considered. The Committee set a goal to have speakers at the March, April, May, and June BOE meetings (in addition to the February 8, 2023 meeting). The Committee also decided to meet approximately once per month, and set the following meeting dates: March 5, 2023; April 2, 2023; April 30, 2023 at 4:00pm.

Roles of Committee Members – The Committee discussed appointing individuals to the roles of Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary, as well as Brunswick City and Frederick County Liaisons. A proposal to appoint the following individuals was made:

- Chair, Hope Bonanno
- Secretary, Jerry Bonanno
- City Liaisons, Vaughn Ripley & Angel White
- County Liaison, Brad Eye

Ms. Hatch made a motion to approve the appointments. Ms. Routzahn seconded the motion. All present voted “aye.” The motion carried. The Committee also discussed recruiting an additional member and tabled a decision on Vice Chair until the next meeting.

Motion to Adjourn: Ms. Fogle made a motion to adjourn and the meeting was adjourned at 5:45pm.