

Timeline for Winslow Junior High Study Committee and Winslow Junior High Building

Committee (details at <http://jhsfuture.aos92.org/>):

Winslow Junior High Study Committee Dec 2012-April 2016

- Dec. 4, 2012 WJHS Study Committee Holds 1st Meeting
 - Reviewed Town of Winslow Capital Planning Committee Report presented by Mike Heavener - other town projects now completed - WJHS now top of the list
 - Options brainstormed including consolidation with Waterville discussed - charge of committee was to make rec. on WJHS future and will be focus of future meetings
 - Planned to make recommendation on future of WJHS to Winslow School Committee by summer 2014
 - Reviewed retirement of town debt in upcoming years

- Jan 10 and 24, Feb 7, 2013
 - Straw vote taken on 4 options - adding a gr. 7-8 wing at WES strongest option (14 of 16 votes)
 - Preliminary Project Budget \$6 million (included ½ gym expansion at WHS) - “Sticker Shock”
 - Did not address programming needs for performing arts, unified arts, science rooms. parking, bus and vehicle traffic, or needs related to gym/locker room for a K-8 configuration and Parks and Rec needs.
 - 2 possible options emerged:
 - Adding a wing at WES
 - A collaborative use model with gr. 7-8 at WJHS and other community based use (e.g.Public Library, Central Office, Town Office)

- April 4, 2013
 - Closer review of needs for a K-8 configuration at WES
 - Review Design Build approach (Construction Manager) vs Design Bid/Build (traditional model)

- Jan 20, 2015
 - Review of previous status:
 - Planned delay to 2017/18 for construction due to retirement of town debt at that time
 - Estimated expense of a K-8 (\$5.5 million) “put a halt on things”
 - A K-6 and 7-12 solution was discussed
 - Consolidation/regionalization with Waterville was discussed

- April 14, 2016
 - Committee recommends a K-6 and 7-12 solution (10-0)

Winslow Building Committee Jan 2017-Present

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- Jan 5, 2017 First organizational meeting of new Winslow Building Committee
 - Reviewed Winslow JH Study committee recommendation that was approved by the Winslow Board of Education to pursue a PK-6 and 7-12 two building campus
 - Recommended use of a Construction Manager (CM) - unanimous vote
 - Sub-Committees formed:
 - Elementary PK-6
 - 7-12
 - Performing Arts
 - Construction Management
 - Publicity

- Jan 26, 2017
 - 5 Budget Concepts presented by Architect Stephen Blatt (\$5.08 - 8.0 million)
 - Committee votes to start designing for \$8.5 million (\$500,000 added to include expense for expanding the aux. gym)
 - Work of sub-committees begins with the architect through next 2 months

- Mar 2 and April 4, 2017
 - Reports from all sub-committees
 - Food Service report
 - Expansion/re-organization of 7-12 cafeteria and aux gym added
 - Estimate of project - \$10.55 million - increase related to increased classroom space needed (+\$860,000), food service (+\$170,000), change in auditorium (+\$315,000), contingencies (+\$470,000), fees and services (+\$180,000)

- April 27, 2017
 - Re-worked design - reduced (by \$1,050,000) overall draft budget to \$9.5 million
 - Construction reduced \$810,000
 - PAC changed from 600 seats to 500, reduced \$390,000
 - 7-8 classrooms re-designed - reduced width of main hallway and lobby, reduced \$355,000
 - 7-12 renovation reduced \$25,000
 - Food Service reduced \$40,000
 - Contingencies reduced \$170,000
 - Fees and Services reduced \$70,000
 - This could possibly be a “debt neutral” bond (\$600,000 annual debt for 30 yr)

- May 11, 2017
 - Supt. Haley explained planning to this point was based on debt neutral calculations - retired school and town debt (\$430,000) combined with savings from closing the Jr. High (\$239,000)
 - Decided to make the planned May 24 meeting a combined Town Council and Board of Education meeting to update both and discuss the debt structure
 - June 15, 2017 set for public meeting

- May 24, 2017 Joint Town Council and Board of Education meeting
 - Retired debt from town (\$160,000) and operational savings closing WJHS (\$239,000) = approx. \$400,000 that could be used for financing a bond. Need a total of approx. \$650,000 annual payment for \$10 million bond
 - Stephen Blatt described the \$1 million reductions reviewed at May 11 meeting.
 - Stephen Blatt described the process of meeting with each sub-committee to develop current budget projection

- June 1, 2017 Building Committee meeting to plan for June 15 public meeting
 - Discussion of need for 600 seats in new auditorium. Stephen Blatt described the changes made to accommodate 600 seats without increasing the cost significantly - flatter floor pitch, smaller control booth - increased projected PAC by \$165,000
 - Contingencies increased by \$23,000, Services and Fees increased \$12,000
 - Voted to add \$40,000 back in project previously reduced in Food Service
 - Project Draft Budget increased by total of \$240,000 to \$9.74 million
 - Voted to add \$650,000 to the project cost to cover demolition of WJHS - not borrowed or used if not needed.
 - Project total now at \$10.39 million

The final project amount was finalized at \$10.325 million after the June 1 committee meeting.