

## **FACILITIES DEVELOPMENT GOALS**

The Foxborough School Committee believes that any educational program is influenced greatly by the environment in which its functions. The development of a quality educational program and school facilities that help to implement the program must go hand in hand.

Therefore, it is the Foxborough School Committee's goal to provide the facilities needed for the number of students in the school system, and to provide the kind of facilities that will best support and accommodate the educational program.

In planning facilities, the Foxborough School Committee recognizes that capital outlay funds are limited, and that priorities must be established to make the best use of the school building dollar. The Foxborough School Committee's first objective will be to develop a plan that eliminates overcrowding and minimizes the need for extended day programs and double sessions. Whenever possible, the cultural as well as educational needs of the community will be considered in planning facility expansions.

Architects retained by the Foxborough School Committee are expected to plan for simplicity of design; sound economics, including low long-range maintenance costs and efficiency in energy needs; low insurance rates; high educational use; and flexibility.

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### Facilities

- (1) Every new school which is to be constructed and every addition to an existing school or program for modernization of an existing school shall be designed or planned so as to ensure that the educational opportunities to be offered within that school following its construction, expansion or reconstruction will be available equally to all students thereof without regard to the race, color, sex, religion, sexual orientation, disability or national origin of any such student.
- (2) The goal of each school shall be to provide males and females with equal facilities and conveniences within a school which are separated for reasons of privacy, e.g. showers, locker rooms, changing rooms, toilets and lavatories. Any school to be constructed shall make such provision and any plan for the expansion or modernization of an existing school shall include whatever provision is necessary in order to achieve compliance with 603 CMR 26.07.

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## **FACILITIES PLANNING**

The Foxborough School Committee and Town of Foxborough are committed to providing an effective and safe learning environment for students through the sound maintenance of all school buildings. In accordance with the Town By-law, the Foxborough Board of Selectmen appoints members to the Permanent Municipal and School Building Committee.

The Foxborough School Committee will periodically:

1. Study and make recommendations to the Town with respect to school building needs.
2. Review thoroughly with the Superintendent and the Foxborough School Committee the educational requirements in relation to school buildings.
3. Review previous studies and initiate needed studies with or without consultative assistance.
4. Employ the services of architects and cost estimators and such other professional assistance as it may deem necessary.

In the event that a repair, renovation, or new school building becomes necessary and requires the funding of the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA), the Board of Selectmen will appoint additional members to the Permanent Municipal and School Building Committee as required by the MSBA.

SOURCE: MASC

REFS: Town of Foxborough Revised General By-Laws, Section 4 Appointed Officials

LEGAL REFS.: M.G.L. 70B Massachusetts School Building Authority, Chapter 208 of the Acts of 2004, 963 CMR 2.00

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## **RETIREMENT OF FACILITIES**

When a school building becomes inadequate by virtue of age, condition, size of site, lack of need, or other overriding limitations, and cannot reasonably and economically be brought up to the current educational standards, the building should be considered for a comprehensive closing study. The Superintendent will recommend to the Foxborough School Committee, which facilities appear to justify further analysis.

The Foxborough School Committee may seek both professional advice and the advice of the community in making its recommendations as to the retirement of any school facility. This will permit the public, which originally acquired the property, to benefit from its recycling or retirement.

A closing study will include direct involvement by those neighborhoods considered in the study and will be concerned with all or some of the following factors:

1. Age and current physical condition of the facilities, its operating systems, and program facilities
2. Adequacy of site, location, access, surrounding development, traffic patterns, and other environmental conditions
3. Reassignment of students, including alternative plans according to Foxborough School Committee policy
4. Transportation factors, including numbers of students bussed, time, distance, and safety
5. Alternative uses of the building
6. Cost/Savings
  - a. Personnel
  - b. Plant Operation
  - c. Transportation
  - d. Capital Investment
  - e. Alternative Use
7. Continuity of instructional and community programs

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## **NAMING FACILITIES**

Naming a school facility is an important matter that deserves thoughtful attention. Personal prejudice or favoritism, political pressure, or temporary popularity should not be an influence in choosing a name for a school, a portion of a school, or a portion of school grounds. Whenever possible, the wishes of the community, including parents and students, should be considered in naming school facilities.

It is not the practice of the Foxborough Public Schools to name parts of buildings or facilities after individuals. However, the School Committee may consider such a request using the following standards and guidelines.

To be considered, an individual must be known and recognized by their peers, administrators, and the Foxborough community as an extraordinary educator/community leader as demonstrated by their exceptional teaching, educational innovation and/or leadership which uniquely impacted student achievement and the Foxborough School District. This is an individual who would be recognized as remarkable and for consistently going far beyond the ordinary in their dedication and service to the Foxborough Public Schools.

The School Committee has the authority to approve the naming and renaming of buildings, structures, and facilities located on school property. The School Committee also has the authority to name subsections of existing structures or facilities, such as classrooms, auditoriums, and gymnasiums.

Names and/or wording associated with school facilities shall be consistent with school district policies and promote messages aligned with the mission, vision and goals of the school district. To the extent possible, names and/or wording should be designed not to restrict the use of a space or inhibit changing the function of the space should that become necessary in the future.

When the opportunity to name or dedicate a new school or school related property, structure or facility is forthcoming, an orderly procedure will be communicated at the next available School Committee meeting. The Committee's agendas should clearly reflect the intent to consider, review, and vote on naming opportunities.

Submission of a name for a school space may be made by any resident or by the Superintendent, in writing, and should be made to the School Committee Chairperson. If a name is being initiated at the local school level, the Principal must take reasonable steps to include the School Council and PTA/PTO in the nomination of the name before submission to the School Committee.

The written request should specify the intent of the requestor and the reasons why this particular name would fit the facility. It should offer appropriate background information on the person or organization after which the facility will be named. An offer of a financial contribution to the School District may accompany the naming request, but the School Committee is not obligated to accept or reject a name based upon financial considerations alone. Philanthropic contributions in support of the School District are encouraged by the School Committee. The School Committee may acknowledge generous donors by designating appropriate spaces within the School District's facilities consistent with the level of financial commitment.

Following the submission of a naming request, the School Committee Chairperson will specify a consideration period that allows for public comment, following which the Committee will deliberate and vote on the name. The School Committee vote must be unanimous.

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## **MEMORIALS**

The School Committee recognizes that the death of a student, member of the staff, or prominent community member is deeply felt by the school community. As places designed primarily to support learning, school property should not serve as the main venue for permanent memorials.

Permanent memorials within the schools shall be limited in form to perpetual awards of scholarships.

Any permanent memorials in existence before the adoption of this policy can only be removed by a unanimous vote of the School Committee.

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