The PowerPoint presentation that was used during the 2/28/13 Visioning Session has been forwarded to the committee via the OPM.

The intent of the goal setting discussion that was part of the Visioning Session, is to provide community input to the process. We recommend the Building Committee develop goals for the High School as a way to establish the criteria by which the Building Committee will evaluate the Feasibility Study phase alternatives. We find committees often use the following categories:

COMMITTEE

PROCESS

EDUCATION

COMMUNITY

BUILDING

SITE
CONSTRUCTION

The following are points brought up and discussed in the 2/28/13 Visioning Session:

COMMITTEE
- Make the process accessible to the public - enhance community outreach
- Bring the process to the public (alternate meeting locations among the three towns).

PROCESS
- Maximize budget and funding resources.
- Promote the benefits/cost savings of sustainable design.

EDUCATION
- Technology-based curriculum opportunities should be supported by the building
- Facilitate meeting New England Association of Schools and Colleges standards
  - Provide sufficient space that facilitates student collaboration
- Provide sufficient storage throughout
- Provide fitness classrooms to allow the curriculum to expand, and to provide adequate space for current programs
- Provide gallery and display spaces to facilitate promotion of NMRHS and student work.
- Facilitate portable student technology (1:1)
- Flexible spaces should be provided to allow for the current curriculum to grow and for additional course options to be provided (Culinary was suggested, others may arise)

COMMUNITY
- Provide for a quality TV Studio with “live capabilities”, and public access available
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- Maximize opportunities for public and academic spaces that could be used for community activities
- Gym and fitness spaces should be available for community use

BUILDING

- Locate the TV studio adjacent to the exterior for 24/7 access and to the Technology and Media classrooms
- The Auditorium should be TV friendly
- The Auditorium should be able to accommodate graduation ceremonies
- Provide more space for learning and minimize crowding
- Security should be integral to any design. All entries should be designed to be secure and well monitored
- Public access to facilities on evenings and weekends should be provided with security measures in place to limit access to other areas of the building
- Support technological upgrades. Provide sufficient bandwidth for 1:1 capability
- Provide sufficient outlets and charging stations throughout the school
- Guidance and Nursing spaces should provide spaces that allow for private counseling/consultation, and include individual offices
- The Library should accommodate both the current collection and the transition to media-based literature. Spaces should be provided to allow for collaborative learning

SITE

- Provide exterior learning spaces, including classrooms and gardens
- Perform traffic studies and research opportunities to improve traffic conditions
- Coordinate design with the planned Rail Trail
- Provide adequate athletic fields and facilities

Lastly, consolidate/refine the list of goals into the most differentiated and relevant criteria by which the Building Committee might judge or compare the conceptual options in order to arrive at the preferred schematic solution as required by the MSBA process. The goals and criteria matrix should serve as a reference throughout all phases of design.