
**JOINT SPECIAL SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE MEETING
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2023
NHS NORTH BOARD ROOM**

A meeting of the Joint Special Building Committee was held at NHS North on Thursday, September 28, 2023. Mr. Dowd called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Mr. Dowd, Ms. Wilshire, Ms. Klee, Ms. Timmons, Mr. Sullivan, Ms. Bishop, Ms. Lamphier, Ms. Giglio and Mr. Claffey

Also Present: Dr. Mario Andrade, Mr. Shawn Smith, Mr. Jaime Ouellette, Mr. Ken Lemarier, and Mr. Matt Smith

Also Present: Members of the Public, Channel 22 Videographer

PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL – August 24, 2023

*Alderman Dowd moved to waive the reading of the JSSBC meeting minutes of August 24, 2023, accept them and place them on file. **Approved***

Chairman Report – Alderman Dowd

School Administration – Mr. Smith

Just a note that the dedication for Franklin Street School is scheduled for Friday, October 27th at 1:30 pm. We are hoping for good weather so we can be on the front steps.

ARCHITECT'S REPORT – HARRIMAN – Mr. Jaime Ouellette

Brian S. McCarthy Middle School

We continue on-site construction, administration tasks, as well coordinating with Harvey. Several of our engineers, plumbing, electrical, mechanical, and civil have been to the site recently. The furniture bidding package was issued on Monday, September 15th. Four vendors have confirmed they have received and are reviewing it for potential bids and a fifth that has reached out with questions. The bids are due on October 12th. The install dates for the furniture listed in the specifications are for Area B, C, and D - is between May 1 and June 15, 2024. Area A will be installed between June 1 and July 1. This furniture package is as forward thinking as it is flexible and it works toward the new mode of teaching where teachers and students are dynamic, not necessarily always sitting at a desk. There are student tables and chairs in collaboration spaces meant to be flexible, depending on how the teachers teach or the group of teachers want to teach. Each wing will have its own identity of colors, as the paint colors already represented in those spaces.

In the proposed cafeteria, there are long tables, round tables, and bar height tables with stools around the outside, giving a very varied setting for students at each table.

In the new library, there's different environments in different areas. There are different types of tables, different chairs, there's also some soft seating in the middle. We have the egg chairs as well.

The special education classrooms have sensory rocking chairs, different types of tables including U-tables so teachers can work collaboratively together with a few students. There's also desks and chairs still and a teachers' station. The Family and Consumer Science has tables, appliances were also bought in this package including refrigerators, ranges, stoves, and dishwashers. The wood workshop has some benches with vices on them, and the art room will have a new kiln and an existing kiln which will be brought over from Elm Street.

All areas have natural light.

Franklin Street School

Harriman has been on sight going over some punch list items. They have received the Certification of Occupancy (CO) which includes the kitchen. The dedication will be coming up at the end on October 27, 2023 at 1:30 pm

Birch Hill and Main Dunstable Elementary Schools

Harriman has been having bi-weekly meetings along with Harvey. Two PCOs will be coming forward tonight for new storefronts at each school. Original plan was to keep some of the storefronts that were replaced in the 1990's but it has become apparent that there would be a significant cost savings to just replace them. Harvey will elaborate in their report.

CONSTRUCTION MANAGER'S REPORT – HARVEY – Mr. Ken Lemarier & Kathy Miskoe & Brendon ArelFairgrounds Middle School

Savings under McCarthy allowed the Fairgrounds track to be refinished, which was completed this summer.

Pennichuck Middle School &

The track was resurfaced and striped which is complete. The mechanical commissioning with the school has been completed. The finish landscaping was completed prior to the school opening. With existing savings, we were able to correct some faulty flashing and brickwork. We should be pulling out of the site tomorrow.

Brian S. McCarthy Middle School

The earthwork and site packages are moving along quite well. We're going to try to keep moving forward until the weather doesn't allow us to so whatever we can get done in the fall is going to help us in the spring. Miscellaneous utilities are ongoing but we are on permanent power now. We're working with a third-party contractor to run the fiber and fire department cabling to the building so we can get that up and running this fall.

Harvey is trying to get any of the exterior sidewalks completed this fall, including D'Antonio and the sidewalks toward Medallion Court. Fine tuning of the baseball and softball fields and working our way outward towards the building plantings at the fire lane and athletic fields are taking place right now. Area B and D retaining walls are going in over the next month or so.

The building envelope is nearly complete with a couple spots left in Area A. The windows are complete; curtain wall nearly complete; and the sunshades are being installed.

Indoors: Buildings B, C and D are in the same state of completion. We have started the punch list on these areas for Harvey and Harriman. Building A will be taking shape over the next months. The coiling shutters in the cafeteria are installed and mechanically motorized. The kitchen was completed this week. We are working on getting the building heated before the cold sets in.

Birch Hill and Main Dunstable Elementary Schools – Brendon Arel

The big push was completed to establish swing spaces for the student and teacher occupancy. EEI has a plan to install the rooftop units to condition these spaces for the next two years. Exterior swing spaces are installed and landscaped. Both cafeterias were worked on over the summer prior to student arrival in addition to a teachers' lounge and a series of bathrooms that require some minor finishes and final plumbing inspections. Additional heat will be added to give comfort to those spaces. Window blinds will also be added for safety and security.

Phase Two renovations. The first bulk of the classrooms outlined include K and Grade 4 at Birch Hill, and K and Grade 3 at Main Dunstable. Work is ongoing on the mechanical room and the sound paneling that is installed on the walls prior to the installation of mechanical equipment. There is a lot of rough framing in those areas, and mechanical/electrical and plumbing (MEP) rough-in. We're tracking right on schedule to turn that space over for completion in February of 2024. As Jamie had touched upon, we'll be transitioning into doing all the storefronts and the precast sills over the coming weeks.

The space that used to occupy the Elm Street portables has been excavated and landscaped and is looking very nice.

EEI – Matt Smith

The exciting push is to remove the temporary fans that we had put on the gyms for the temporary classrooms and get the permanent rooftop units on and running. This is the plan for the Indigenous Peoples' weekend. We will then work with the manufacturer to start-up and to get the balancing correct for heating comfort and fresh air.

EEI is wrapping up the cafeteria and kitchen area. The added window heat will be installed in December.

55 Franklin Street – Kathy Miskoe

The project is nearly complete. The final CO was received which included the kitchen. Pictures of the completed project were shown. The punch list items have been reviewed and will continue to be worked through. The dedication is scheduled for October 27th.

Alderman Dowd thanked everyone who worked on the project and complimented on the great transformation of the building. Alderman Klee thanked the staff for the tour of the building and clarified the paving work done around the building.

PCOs & PCCOsPennichuck Middle School

Alderman Wilshire moved to approve PCCO #015 for the GMP Contract Reconciliation for Pennichuck Middle School from Harvey Industries in the amount of (\$37.23). So voted unanimously.

Alderman Dowd informed the committee that other monies would be coming back to hopefully assist in the upgrade to the ventilation/dehumidification at Pennichuck.

Main Dunstable Elementary School

The glazing of older storefronts required the disassembly and replacement of the entire unit with only a few remaining parts. It was cost prohibitive. It is recommended to replace with new units. Harvey worked with the vendor to get a very generous discount.

PCO #003 – New Storefronts and pre-cast sills

Alderman Giglio moved to approve PCO #003 for new storefronts and pre-cast sills in lieu of retrofit for Main Dunstable Elementary School in the amount of \$47,034.32. So voted unanimously.

Birch Hill Elementary School

PCO #003 – New Storefronts and pre-cast sills

Alderman Timmons moved to approve PCO #003 for new storefronts and pre-cast sills in lieu of retrofit for Birch Hill Elementary School in the amount of \$47,034.32. So voted unanimously.

A proposed contract for your consideration was in the packet for this evening for a commissioning agent for Main Dunstable and Birch Hill elementary schools. A commissioning agent looks at HVAC systems and their design, and provide suggestions on changes to it. They then observe it as it's being installed and go back over it with a fine-tooth comb to make sure everything is operating as designed. Turner Building Science has done this work for the middle school project. They're currently working on McCarthy as well. The value of their proposal is \$108,400 and it is a not to exceed price

Alderman Timmons moved to approve the Main Dunstable and Birch Hill Elementary Schools building commissioning to Turner Building Science for a value not to exceed \$108,400.00. So voted unanimously.

INVOICE APPROVAL DONE

- a. ENE Security Invoices, Total \$8,965.50
 - i. Invoice #56811, \$487.50 – Birch Hill
 - ii. Invoice #56073, \$8,478.00 – Birch Hill/Main Dunstable
- b. Energy Efficient Invoices, Total \$2,084,638.39
 - i. Application #6, \$1,035,458.54 – Birch Hill
 - ii. Application #6, \$1,049,179.85 – Main Dunstable

- c. Eversource Energy
 - i. Invoice #7001, \$27,278.40 – PMS
- d. John Turner Consulting Invoices, Total \$4,246.86
 - i. Invoice #2307069-02, \$3,926.86 – Birch Hill
 - ii. Invoice #2107078-13, \$320.00 - PMS
- e. Harriman Invoices, Total \$60,562.19
 - i. Invoice #2308002, \$47,660.75 – Brian S. McCarthy Middle School
 - ii. Invoice #2308003, \$7,329.79 – Franklin Street
 - iii. Invoice #2308005, \$2,782.95 – Birch Hill
 - iv. Invoice #2308006, \$2,788.70 – Main Dunstable
- f. Harvey Invoices, Total \$2,806,924.41
 - i. 2021-001, Invoice #30, \$6,096.35 – PMS
 - ii. 2019-006, Invoice #21, \$1,787,591.75 – Brian S. McCarthy Middle School
 - iii. 2022-021, Invoice #5, \$327,463.99 – Birch Hill
 - iv. 2022-020, Invoice #5, \$401,839.13 – Main Dunstable
 - v. 2022-008, Invoice #18, \$283,933.19 – Franklin Street
- g. Hayner/Swanson, Inc.
 - i. Invoice #20736, \$878.22 – Brian S. McCarthy Middle School
- h. M.E. O'Brien & Sons, Inc.
 - i. Invoice #I231208-IN, \$15,993.00 – Franklin Street
- i. Page Street Storage Invoices, Total \$295.00
 - i. Invoice #290913, \$105.00 – Birch Hill
 - ii. Invoice #289385, \$95.00 – Main Dunstable
 - iii. Invoice #291493, \$95.00 – Main Dunstable
- j. Pichette Bros Construction Co Invoices, Total \$9,745.00
 - i. Invoice #5486, \$6,725.00 – PMS
 - ii. Invoice #5487, \$300.00 – PMS
 - iii. Invoice #5489, \$2,720.00 - PMS
- k. Turner Group – The H.L. Turner Group
 - i. Invoice #27780, \$3,328.50 – Security Upgrade Project
- l. Turner Group - Turner Building Science & Design, LLC
 - i. Invoice #7240, \$3,889.62 – Brian S. McCarthy
- m. Vanesse & Associates Invoices, Total \$4,315.29
 - i. Invoice #43704, \$1,214.56 – PMS
 - ii. Invoice #43770, \$3,100.73 - PMS

Franklin Street Invoices: \$307,255.98

Middle School Project Invoices: \$1,887,775.38

Birch Hill/Main Dunstable Invoices: \$2,832,700.52

Security Vestibule: \$3,328.50

Total Invoices: \$5,031,060.38

Alderman Wilshire moved to approve the invoices in the following order Franklin Street Invoices: \$307,255.98; Middle School Project Invoices: \$1,877,775.38; Birch Hill/Main Dunstable Invoices: \$2,832,700.52; Security Vestibule Project: \$3,328.50, for total invoices to be paid: \$5,031,060.38. So voted unanimously.

COMMENTS BY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Alderman Klee: Thanked everyone who has worked on these projects. Ms. Klee wanted acknowledge that our two Nashua High Schools made it to the top 25 high schools in the state. South was 12 and North was 24 out of the top 25 per Niche.com. I think it's a dedication of teachers, parents, staff, the Board of Ed, and all the work that they've done. I want to thank the superintendents and everybody working together. I really want our city to know, we have a lot to be proud of. Thank you to everybody that made that happen.

Ms. Giglio requested that the October 26th meeting be moved to accommodate the League of Women voters at the Nashua Library that is scheduled to meet on the same evening. Alderman Dowd said he would work to get that meeting changed.

Alderman Timmons moved to adjourn. So voted unanimously at 8:11 pm.

Submitted by Tara C. Kinsella