

**Canton School Building Committee Meeting
Galvin Middle School Library
May 22, 2024
Minutes**

1. Call to Order: Superintendent Folan convened the Wednesday, May 22, 2024 Canton School Building Committee at 5:10 pm.

Attendees:

Bob Benedetti
David Buccelli
John Connolly
Charlie Doody
Derek Folan
Mary Graziano
Brian Lynch
Bob McCarthy
Kristian Merenda
Jonathan Mulhern
Randy Scollins
Sarah Shannon
Andrea Stuart
Public/Press

Absent:

Jennifer Carlson, LeftField

Guests:

Linda Liporto, LeftField
Kendall O'Halloran, Chair, CPS School Committee
Alyssa Shitani, LeftField
Jonathan Quell, Ai3
Justin Thibeault, Ai3
Bill O'Rourke, Consigli Construction
Jeremiah Driscoll, Consigli Construction

2. Project Approvals: Linda Liporto, LeftField, confirmed the evening's agenda, then reviewed and requested votes of approval for project meeting minutes and professional invoices.

a. VOTE to approve May 1, 2024, SBC Meeting Minutes: Mr. Folan asked for a motion to enter into discussion and possible approval of the Minutes from Wednesday, May 1, 2024. Mr. McCarthy made the motion; Ms. Graziano seconded. Hearing no requests for

discussion of proposed minutes, Mr. Folan then called for a vote to approve the minutes. Ensuing roll call vote was recorded as 8-0:

Bob Benedetti	yea
John Connolly	yea
Charlie Doody	yea
Derek Folan	yea
Mary Graziano	yea
Kristian Merenda	yea
Bob McCarthy	yea
Randy Scollins	yea

8 yeas 0 nays

b. VOTE to approve LeftField and Ai3 Invoices: Ms. Liporto reviewed the April 2024 invoices from LeftField for Feasibility Study Services in the amount of \$17,300, and from Ai3, invoices for Feasibility Study Basic Services of \$70,000, and Feasibility Study Extra Services in the amount of \$899.03. Total professional service fees for April 2024 equaled \$88,199.03. Mr. Scollins indicated that, after review, these invoices are within contractual agreements, and professional fees are as expected. Hearing no requests for discussion on these invoices, Mr. Folan asked for a motion to approve LeftField and Ai3 invoices as written and presented. Mr. Scollins made the motion; Mr. Connolly seconded. Ensuing roll call vote was recorded as 8-0:

Bob Benedetti	yea
John Connolly	yea
Charlie Doody	yea
Derek Folan	yea
Mary Graziano	yea
Kristian Merenda	yea
Bob McCarthy	yea
Randy Scollins	yea

8 yeas 0 nays

3. Budget Overview: Ms. Liporto reported that the Feasibility Study Project Budget is 99% committed and 75% expended. Uncommitted funds remain at \$11,632. MS. Liporto reiterated that the project budget continues to be in a sound fiscal position for the remainder of the Schematic Design phase.

4. Schedule Overview: Mr. Thibeault (Ai3) reviewed the schedule, noting that the Estimating phase is nearing completion. Ai3 will review documents (due on May 28, 2024) in preparation for a budget discussion at the Wednesday, June 12th SBC Meeting and subsequent vote to

submit the Schematic Design proposal to MSBA and DESE at the Wednesday, June 28th SBC meeting.

5. Design Update: Mr. Mulhern reviewed the process of how the Educational Vision and Plan was built. Integrating the CPS Vision Statement with two strategic initiatives, CPS invited stakeholders, through a series of community forums, to contribute ideas that would ultimately help guide an architectural response in delivering a comprehensive, collaborative, equitable, and relevant education to all future students.

Mr. Thibeault reviewed the construction operational plan noting that the school will be open throughout construction. He described separate parking areas and traffic pattern changes to allow safer site circulation, consideration of abutters, consolidation of athletic fields as they are expected to remain open for most of construction, and replication of hockey rink, basketball courts and a small playground.

Mr. Thibeault presented turf options for the 3 back fields:

1. All natural turf (in current budget);
2. Synthetic turf for largest field only (available for an additional \$2.3m);
3. All synthetic turf (available for an additional \$4m).

Members considered all three options. All were in agreement that all fields should have synthetic turf installed that include lighting costs. It was decided that the committee would charge Ai3 with the design and budget for synthetic turf and lighting. Ai3 will present this proposal at the Wednesday, June 12th meeting for consideration and a possible vote.

Mr. Thibeault then gave a general overview of interior plans for each of the 3 floors describing how the design reflects the vision of neighborhoods, interdisciplinary project based learning, collaboration, and transparency of classroom space. Mr. Thibeault also noted that classroom size is 100 square feet larger than current classrooms. This will allow flexibility for class size and desk composition. A concern was raised regarding distractions due to visibility of classroom activity from outside the room. This was addressed with conversation around learning curves and adaptability.

Mr. Thibeault indicated that the exterior renderings of the building continue to be vetted after discussions at the last SBC meeting.

6. Public Comment: Ms. Andrea Stuart, GMS teacher and member of the SBC, registered her excitement about the GMS project. Stating that learning is changing, Ms. Stuart commented on the adaptability of the building, particularly pointing out the welcoming areas outside of the classroom.

Superintendent Folan announced that a special meeting for abutters will be scheduled in the near future.

7. Next Meeting: The next SBC meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 12, 2024 at 5 pm in the Galvin Middle School Library.

Adjournment: Hearing no questions or requests for further discussion, Mr. Folan called for a motion to adjourn the Wednesday, May 22, 2024 School Building Committee meeting at 6:30 pm. Mr. Benedetti made the motion; Mr. McCarthy seconded. Roll call vote was unanimous and recorded as follows:

Bob Benedetti	yea
John Connolly	yea
Charlie Doody	yea
Derek Folan	yea
Mary Graziano	yea
Bob McCarthy	yea
Kristian Merenda	yea
Randy Scollins	yea
8 yeas	0 nays

Documents Reviewed:

Ai3 Packet for 5.22.24 Meeting