

**Canton School Building Committee Meeting  
Galvin Middle School Library  
March 19, 2025  
Minutes**

**1. Call to Order:** Superintendent Folan convened the Wednesday, March 19, 2025 Canton School Building Committee at 5:07pm.

**Attendees:**

Bob Benedetti  
John Connolly  
Charlie Doody  
Derek Folan  
Mary Graziano  
Brian Lynch  
Bob McCarthy  
Jonathan Mulhern  
Randy Scollins  
Joanne Campbell, Recording Secretary (via Zoom)  
Public/Press

**Absent:**

Kristian Merenda

**Guests:**

Jen Carlson, LeftField  
Justin Thibault, Ai3  
Bill O'Rourke, Consigli Construction

**2. Project Approvals:** Jen Carlson, LeftField representative, reviewed and requested votes of approval for project meeting minutes and professional invoices as follows:

**a. Vote to approve February 26, 2025 SBC Meeting Minutes:** Mr. Folan asked for a motion to enter into discussion and possible approval of the SBC Meeting Minutes from Wednesday, February 26, 2025. Bob McCarthy made the motion; Bob Benedetti seconded. Hearing no requests for discussion of proposed minutes, Mr. Folan called for a vote to approve the minutes as written and presented. Ensuing roll call vote was recorded as follows:

Bob Benedetti	yea
John Connolly	yea
Charlie Doody	yea
Derek Folan	yea
Mary Graziano	abstained
Brian Lynch	yea
Bob McCarthy	yea
Randy Scollins	yea

7 yeas 0 nays 1 abstention

• **Vote to approve Consigli Contract Amendment #2:** Prior to a call for a motion, Ms. Carlson noted a typo in the duration of the reconstruction on the Contact Amendment from the January meeting. LeftField has corrected the timing from 24 months to 18 months; and included the installation of geothermal testing, completed in January 2025, meeting MSBA expectations. Overall cost of the project remains unchanged.

Mr. Folan asked for a motion to enter into discussion and possible approval of the Consigli Contract Amendment #2 for services installation of the geothermal test in the amount of \$500,735..Hearing Randy Scollins made the motion; Bob McCarthy seconded. Hearing no questions or requests for discussion of proposed contract amendment, Mr. Folan called for a vote to approve the LeftField Contract Amendment #2 as written and presented. Ensuing roll call vote was unanimous and recorded as follows:

Bob Benedetti	yea
John Connolly	yea
Charlie Doody	yea
Derek Folan	yea
Mary Graziano	yea
Brian Lynch	yea
Bob McCarthy	yea
Randy Scollins	yea

8 yeas 0 nays

• **Vote to approve Project Invoices:** Ms. Carlson reviewed four invoices:  
 LeftField, January 2025 Design Development Services totalling \$205,112.00;  
 Ai3 Basic Services for January 2025 in the amount of \$1,180,578.60;  
 Consigli Preconstruction services bill for \$158,899.00 through February 28, 2025;  
 Brooks & Derenis, PC-January 2025 legal fees of \$851.

Grand total of invoices equaled \$1,545,440.60. Ms. Carlson noted all bills were in line with budget categories. Mr. Lynch acknowledged that he had reviewed the invoices and found them to be in line with contractual agreements.

Mr. Folan asked for a motion to approve the invoices as written and presented. Mr. Benedetti made the motion; Ms. Graziano seconded. Hearing no questions or requests for discussion of proposed contract amendment, Mr. Folan called for a vote to approve the invoices. Ensuing roll call vote was unanimous and recorded as follows:

Bob Benedetti	yea
John Connolly	yea
Charlie Doody	yea
Derek Folan	yea
Mary Graziano	yea
Brian Lynch	yea
Bob McCarthy	yea
Randy Scollins	yea

8 yeas 0 nays

**3. Budget Update:** Ms. Carlson reviewed the updated total project budget. Of note, \$28,676,302 has been committed, \$4,422,134 has been spent, and \$11,720,706 (6% of the construction budget) are available for contingencies. Ms. Carlson offered to put the budget in its own attachment for enhanced legibility.

**4. Schedule Update:** Mr. Thibault reported that the project continues in the Design/Documentation stage. This stage is expected to be completed by June of 2026, followed by two years of construction and building occupancy by Fall of 2028. Overall design continues to be developed. He reviewed the MSBA milestone submission schedule. Final documentation for the whole project is expected to be submitted to the MSBA in March of 2026.

A second Sustainably meeting occurred with Eversource and the MASS SAVE program. A group decision was made to go all electric, pursuing a Tier One path. To maximize incentives for the project, the town would enroll in the program, and allow reviews of the project throughout the construction stage. Based on the design, requirements met, and efficiency performance at the end of construction, incentives would be meted out by Mass Save. Mr. Connolly and Mr. McCarthy expressed concern over effects of the current political climate at MassSave as well as sustainability, milling, lumber and electric costs reactions due to recent changes in governmental import taxation. Mr. McCarthy requested that Ai3 be thoughtful, and research alternative options for solar energy to mitigate current fluctuations.

Mr. Thibault reviewed materials selections for flooring, ceiling tiles, walls, including the purpose and rationale for specific selections.

**5. Design Update:** Another round of programming will be scheduled with Principal Mulhern and his staff before the end of the academic year to discuss conversations, comments, shifts and decisions for the new building. The next Safety and Security meeting has been scheduled for March 28th. Weekly meetings of working groups continue as they target sending documents out for estimating—April 11th for Consigli and third party estimators, in anticipation of the end of May final submissions to MSBA as well as agenda items for upcoming SBC meetings including a virtual walkthrough of the new building.

John reviewed general shifts and changes in the auditorium, gymnasium, the administrative area, (particularly when picking up a sick child), adaptive PE space and World Language arenas—all based on feedback from staff. Updates on the design changes to help maximize space will be available before the end of the academic year.

Members discussed lighting on the basketball courts and hockey rink. Mr Thibault reminded the group that lights can be programmed. Mr. Doody was in favor of providing safety lighting only. Mr. Connolly requested a cost estimate from Ai3 for full lighting at the basketball court and rink. Most members agreed that providing safety lighting only was reasonable. Mr. Thibault will move forward with estimating for safely lighting only for now until other costs become available.

#### Next Steps:

- Finish implementing all programming comments into the project
- Work through the remaining design for the spaces; volume is established
- Materials and extents, constructability, coordination, & detailing
- Summer enabling work (and how it relates to the final build condition) including geothermal well fields, access roads, circulation patterns keeping efficiency in mind.
- April Geotechnical investigation (24 borings & 5 test wells)
- April - Abutters meeting (after next SBC mtg- April 16)
- Continued stakeholder discussions
- Safety/Security
- Facilities (systems review)
- Canton Cable
- Programming follow-up in May
- Estimating Set April 11

**6. Project Communications:** The inaugural newsletter will be launched late March and will be distributed every other month.

**7. Public Comment:** No public comments were heard, virtually or in person.

**8. Next Meeting:** The next School Building Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 16, 2025 at 5pm in the Middle School Library, followed immediately by an Abutters

meeting. Following meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 21, 2025. Mr. Folan invited community members to join these meetings in person or virtually through Canton Cable.

**9. Adjourn:** Hearing no questions or requests for further discussion, Superintendent Folan called for a motion to adjourn the Wednesday, March 19, 2025 School Building Committee meeting at 6:19pm. Mr. McCarthy made the motion; Ms. Graziano seconded. Roll call vote was unanimous at 8-0 and recorded as follows:

Bob Benedetti	yea
John Connolly	yea
Charlie Doody	yea
Derek Folan	yea
Mary Graziano	yea
Brian Lynch	yea
Bob McCarthy	yea
Randy Scollins	yea

8 yeas 0 nays

Documents Reviewed:

School Building Committee Agenda and supporting documents