

**Canton Schools Building Committee  
Rodman Administration Building  
960 Washington Street, Canton MA 02021  
February 15, 2023 6:00 PM  
Rodman Building Room 33A  
MINUTES**

Superintendent Folan called the Wednesday, February 15, 2023 Canton School Building Committee to order at 6:02 pm.

**Attendees:**

- Derek Folan
- Stephen Marshall
- Bob McCarthy
- Tina Perez
- Jonathan Mulhern
- Sarah Shannon
- Randy Scollins
- Tom Keleher
- Bob Benedetti
- Mike Loughran
- Charles Doody

**Absent:**

- Kristian Merenda
- Louis Tarmy
- John Connolly
- Brian Lynch
- Andrea Stuart
- Andrea Tom

1. **Membership Update:** Superintendent Folan welcomed new Building Committee member, Mr. Tom Keleher, Deputy Chief of the Canton Police Department.
2. **Vote to approve Minutes of December 7, 2022:** Hearing no questions or concerns from the group, Mr Folan asked for a motion to approve the December 7, 2022 minutes as written and presented. Mr Scollins made the motion; Mr. McCarthy seconded. Motion was passed unanimously (6-0) and recorded as follows:

Derek Folan	yea	
Stephen Marshall	yea	
Bob McCarthy	yea	
Randy Scollins	yea	
Bob Benedetti		yea
Charles Doody	yea	

- 3. Review OPM Selection Package provided by MSBA:** Superintendent Folan gave a brief review of the selection process. 7 companies submitted proposals. The final candidate was chosen after interviews and proposal presentations. These documents were then sent to MSBA for their consideration. MSBA representatives have reviewed and asked for some minor corrections and more detail for a few items. Discussion ensued about the finalist's qualifications, highlighting their deep commitment to earning trust in and realizing community support.

Canton town officials are due back at MSBA on March 6th for an open meeting that will determine MSBA approval of Canton's final candidate. If approved, this company will take over the project. An official, public announcement will be made after MSBA approval and an agreement has been signed and executed by both candidate and Town of Canton officials.

- 4. Review Designer Selection Process:** Once the OPM has been approved and contracted, their first task will be to review and select an architect/firm and work with them through the preliminary design phase including a schematic design. Timeline for this phase is through April 2024. Preliminary design is expected to be completed by November 2023. It was noted that renovation is still being considered. A short list of options including pricing will be due by February 2024 and the final approval by MSBA will be expected by October of 2024. The town then has 60 days to present full financing for the entire project. There was discussion about best ways to raise finances and garner community support.

The Building Committee will ask OPM for strategies on how to inform the community and prepare a discussion of grades that will be included in the Middle School (5-8 or 6-8).

- 5. Schedule next meeting:** Following the outcome of the March 6th MSBA approval meeting and the preparedness of the final candidate, Mr. Folan asked the group to tentatively hold Wednesdays March 22 and 29 for the next Canton School Building Committee meeting.
- 6. Adjournment:** Superintendent Folan called for a motion to adjourn the Wednesday, February 15, 2023 Canton School Building Committee at 6:45 pm. Mr. McCarthy made the motion and Mr. Benedetti. The vote was unanimous at 6-0.

Derek Folan	yea	
Stephen Marshall	yea	
Bob McCarthy	yea	
Randy Scollins	yea	
Bob Benedetti		yea
Charles Doody	yea	