
**JOINT SPECIAL SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE MEETING
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2025
NHS NORTH BOARD ROOM**

A meeting of the Joint Special Building Committee was held at Nashua High School North on Thursday, November 20, 2025. Alderman Dowd called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Mr. Dowd, Ms. Wilshire, Ms. Gregg, Mr. Sennott, Ms. Bishop, Mr. Johnson, and Ms. Lopez

Also Present: Mr. Shawn Smith, Dr. Mario Andrade, Mr. Brendan Arel, and Mr. Michael Space

Also Present: Members of the Public, Channel 22 Videographer

PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL – October 23, 2025

*Alderman Dowd moved to waive the reading of the JSSBC meeting minutes of October 23, 2025, accept them and place them on file. **Approved***

REMARKS BY CHAIRMAN – Alderman Dowd

The committee will determine if a December meeting is needed to pay invoices that are received for the Stellos Stadium project. Harvey will not have any invoices until March for their February work.

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION – Dr. Andrade

Dr. Andrade updated the committee on the Facilities Master Plan study. Harriman is making good progress. Last evening, a community forum was held at Pennichuck Middle School where we engaged in discussion and the envisioning of what the future of Nashua schools looks like. We'll be having another community forum in January (date TBD). Also in January, there'll be an online survey to collect additional input from the community on the envisioning in the future of our schools. It has been a really fascinating process with Harriman and the data is incredible. I encourage the community to take part in this really important study.

Mr. Shawn Smith

No comment at this time.

CONSTRUCTION MANAGER'S REPORT – Harvey Construction

New Searles Elementary School – Mr. Mike Space

- Outstanding items:
 - Replace existing main distribution panel – (February break)

UPDATE ON STELLOS - Shawn Smith

Mr. Smith presented the sidewalk bid results (five bids received). After talking to the city engineer regarding the lateness in the season (freezing at night time and not terribly warm at daytime), he advised we hold off until next spring/summer. All five contractors were notified that we will do a limited bid just to those five contractors next spring and hopefully move forward. The engineer indicated the cold temperatures require a lot more asphalt to get the desired consistency and depth which might explain the range in the prices, which were from \$41,000 to \$207,000.

The library/media center carpet at McCarthy Middle school is being damaged by the chairs (dragging, etc.) The vendor came up with some new glides to attach to the bottom of existing chairs to alleviate the problem. There are quite a few chairs in the media center so the cost is \$1,398. We authorized this work to avoid damage, but looking for the committee's consent.

Alderman Wilshire moved to approve a purchase order be created for Hertz Furniture in the amount of \$1,398.00 for Brian McCarthy Middle School. So voted unanimously.

Working with the consultant ARM for the Stellos Stadium with the roof that covers the concession stands, locker rooms, storage rooms on either end of the facility. The water from the roof is being shed off the side of the roof instead of down through scuppers or through roof drains. This is damaging the masonry block that's underneath it. In some cases, the moisture is coming into the rooms themselves. We selected the more permanent correction which raises the membrane, puts blocking underneath it, and flashing it to keep the water from going over the masonry block on either side. The cost is \$31,625. Alderman Dowd previously gave his approval to proceed - looking for the committee's consent.

Alderman Wilshire moved to approve a purchase order be created for NorthStar Construction Services in the amount of \$31,625.00 for Stellos Stadium. So voted unanimously.

INVOICE APPROVAL

Invoice Approval – [View Invoices](#)

- a. Harvey Construction, Total \$156,367.62
 - i. Application #7, 156,367.62 – New Searles Elementary/Security Vestibule
- b. Lavalley Brensinger Architects, Total 2,040.79
 - i. Invoice #22806, \$2,040.79 – Stellos Stadium
- c. The Lawson Group, Total \$3,750.00
 - i. Invoice #0129407, \$3,750.00 – Main Dunstable Elementary School
- d. Musco, Total \$10,413.94
 - i. Invoice #445338, \$10,413.94 – Stellos Stadium
- b. S.W. Cole Engineering, Inc.
 - i. Invoice #130516, \$344.80 – New Searles Elementary School/Security Vestibule

Birch Hill/Main Dunstable Invoices: \$3,750.00

Security Vestibule Invoices: \$156,712.42

Stellos Stadium: \$12,454.73

Total Invoices: \$172,917.15

Ms. Bishop moved to approve the invoices in the following order Birch Hill/Main Dunstable Invoices: \$3,750.00; Security Vestibule Invoices: \$156,712.42; Stellos Stadium Invoices: \$12,454.73; for total invoices to be paid: \$172,917.15. So voted unanimously.

COMMENTS BY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

- Ms. Bishop noted how good our turf looks compared to some collegiate fields.

Alderman Dowd moved to adjourn. Motion passes 7-0 at 7:18 pm.

Submitted by Tara C. Kinsella