
**JOINT SPECIAL SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE MEETING
THURSDAY, JANUARY 22, 2026
NHS NORTH BOARD ROOM**

A meeting of the Joint Special Building Committee was held at Nashua High School North on Thursday, January 22, 2026. Alderman Dowd called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Mr. Dowd, Mr. Sennott, Mr. Chess, Ms. Bishop, Ms. Raymond, Mr. Johnson, Ms. Lopez, and Ms. Prinn

Also Present: Mr. Shawn Smith and Dr. Mario Andrade

Also Present: Members of the Public, Channel 22 Videographer

Mr. Dowd opened nominations for Chairman of the JSSBC.

Ms. Bishop nominated Alderman Dowd for Chair of the JSSBC for 2026. Alderman Sennott moved to close nominations for Chair of the JSSBC. So voted unanimously.

Alderman Dowd nominated Ms. Bishop for Vice Chair of the JSSBC for 2026. Alderman Sennott moved to close nominations for Vice Chair of the JSSBC. So voted unanimously.

Ms. Bishop nominated Shewanda Lopez for Clerk of the JSSBC for 2026. Alderman Sennott moved to close nominations for Clerk of the JSSBC. So voted unanimously.

PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL – December 18, 2025

*Alderman Dowd moved to waive the reading of the JSSBC meeting minutes of December 18, 2025, accept them and place them on file. **Approved***

REMARKS BY CHAIRMAN – Alderman Dowd

- Alderman Dowd explained the process of transferring projects from the Board of Education to the Joint Special School Building Committee.
- Mr. Smith clarified that projects typically cost over a million dollars and are usually bond-funded.
- Alderman Dowd discussed the importance of involving the Board of Aldermen in bond approvals and the role of the Joint Special in managing projects.

Dr. Mario Andrade

- Dr. Andrade provided an update on the Facility Master Plan, mentioning Community Forum #2 on February 3, 2026 at 6:00 pm at Main Dunstable Elementary School, Media Center.
- Dr. Andrade mentioned that the study will provide recommendations during the budget cycle.
- Alderman Dowd explained the purpose of the study, focusing on future school use and infrastructure needs.
- Alderman Dowd discussed his role on the Capital Improvements Committee (CIC) and the reinstatement of an Ad Hoc Committee to manage bond spending.
- Ms. Bishop inquired about the CIC meeting and Mr. Dowd provided details about the meeting and the CIC book and the segregation of enterprise funds from the 10-year plan.

CONSTRUCTION MANAGER'S REPORT – Harvey Construction

- No new information for January 2026. Harvey will be completing some work in February 2026.

INVOICE APPROVAL

Invoice Approval – [View Invoices](#)

- a. Hertz, Total \$1,398.00
 - i. Invoice #725927, \$1,398.00 – Brian S. McCarthy Middle School
- b. Musco, Total -\$1,144.88
 - i. Credit Memo #445338R, -\$1,144.88 – Stellos Stadium
- c. NorthStar, Total \$31,625.00
 - i. Invoice #11309, \$31,625.00 – Stellos Stadium
- d. S.W. Cole, Total \$3,261.16
 - i. Invoice #129013, \$2,253.76 – New Searles
 - ii. Invoice #129818, \$1,007.40 – New Searles

Middle School Invoices: \$1,398.00

Security Vestibule Invoices: \$3,261.16

Stellos Stadium: \$30,480.12

Total Invoices: \$35,139.28

Ms. Raymond moved to approve the invoices in the following order Middle School Invoices: \$1,398.00; Security Vestibule Invoices: \$3,261.16; Stellos Stadium Invoices: \$30,480.12; for total invoices to be paid: \$35,139.28. So voted unanimously.

COMMENTS BY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

- Ms. Raymond raised concerns about House Bill 1427, which limits bonding authority for municipalities and school districts.
- Alderman Dowd and Ms. Raymond discussed the importance of testifying against the bill and submitting comments online.

Alderman Sennott moved to adjourn. Motion passes 7-0 at 7:25 pm.

Submitted by Tara C. Kinsella