

## **MINUTES – SELECT BOARD MEETING**

**Thursday, November 9, 2023**

**Select Board Chamber, Town Hall**

Participants: Lynne E. Fidler; Stephen R. Darcy; Michael A. Maresco, Town Administrator  
Absent: James J. Kilcoyne, Chair

Ms. Fidler moved, seconded by Mr. Darcy, to open the meeting at 6:01p.m. The vote was 2:0. Roll Call Vote called by Town Administrator: Ms. Fidler – aye; Mr. Darcy – aye. Ms. Fidler announced that the meeting is being recorded by Marshfield Community Media. Ms. Fidler invited all in attendance to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. Fidler invited Thomas Hickey, Superintendent-Director of South Shore Regional Vocational Technical High School, and Jen Carlson, LeftField Project Manager, to present an update regarding the proposed construction for South Shore Regional Vocational Technical High School.

Mr. Hickey and Ms. Carlson presented a PowerPoint presentation regarding details on South Shore Tech, team introductions, the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) process, project timeline and milestones, design updates, existing conditions and site options, and opportunities for community feedback.

Ms. Fidler stated that it was great to hear about the process and to see the research that has been put into the decision-making process. Ms. Fidler stated that she appreciates being able to see the development in thought process needed to see this project to the end. Ms. Fidler encouraged the public to keep an open mind regarding the process.

Thomas Miller, Marshfield Public Schools Assistant Superintendent of Business and Finance, shared his thoughts and optimism regarding the project. Additionally, Mr. Miller reflected on the similar process the Town experienced during the early days of the building of the Marshfield High School.

Mr. Darcy asked Mr. Hickey and Ms. Carlson which design option did they believe was the best fit of the students. Mr. Hickey gave some details regarding the benefits of the new designs, use of courtyards, quieter hallways, shops with designated classrooms/bathrooms, storage space, feedback from other schools, and safety. Mr. Darcy asked if there was an anticipation regarding percentage of MSBA matching funds. Mr. Hickey stated that he is unsure but hoping for 30% or higher.

Steve Clancy, of Hanover, asked Mr. Hickey to provide some details regarding the note of a wetland crossing towards potential additional parking and playing fields. Mr. Hickey gave some details regarding initial assessments suggesting that the school is surrounded by wetlands and potential solutions. Ms. Carlson added that in the designs they are not relying on unknown areas for necessary school elements.

Ms. Fidler and Mr. Darcy thanked Mr. Hickey and Ms. Carlson for their time and the information.

At 7:00p.m., Ms. Fidler moved, seconded by Mr. Darcy, to adjourn the meeting. The vote was 2:0. Roll Call Vote called by Town Administrator: Ms. Fidler – aye; Mr. Darcy – aye.

Respectfully submitted,

Jenna Gillis

*The following documents and exhibits were presented at the meeting: PowerPoint presentation titled 'South Shore Technical High School Hanover, MA Public Forum #2 November 9, 2023'*