

Arlington High School Building Committee Minutes

Meeting Date: Tuesday, January 7th, 2025, 6:00 p.m.
Location: Conducted via Remote Participation

Jeff Thielman, School Committee Representative, Chair
Elizabeth Homan, Superintendent, Co-vice Chair
Jim Feeney Town Manager, Co-vice Chair
Alex Magee, Deputy Town Manager
Kirsi Allison-Ampe, School Committee Representative
Francis Callahan, Community Member Representative
John Cole, Permanent Town Building Committee
Francis Gorski, Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Operations
Tobey Jackson, Community Member Representative
Matthew Janger, AHS Principal
Ryan Katofsky, Community Member Rep
Brett Lambert, PTBC Representative
Kate Loosian, Community Member Representative
William McCarthy, AHS Assistant Principal
Judson Pierce, Community Member
Paul Raia, Disabilities Commission Rep, absent
Amy Speare, Community Member Representative
Shannon Knuth, Teacher Representative
Kent Werst, Teacher Representative

Jim Burrows, Sy Nguyen, Skanska
Lori Cowles, Arthur Duffy, HMFH Architects, Inc.
John LaMarre, Chris Weber, Consigli
Karen Fitzgerald, AHSBC Recording Secretary

Mr. Thielman opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m. and noted this is the 9th year of this AHS Building Committee.

Skanska Update

Jim Burrows said planning for the move.

Consigli Update

Chris Webber showed the AHS December progress photos of Building A North and West, the black box elevations, Locker Rooms, and classrooms. The Main gym, Special Ed Gym and Alt Gym photos were shown too. Progression photos of the retaining wall of the west parking lot, bike ramp and the toilet building were all shown.

Schedule Update

Executive Overview

- All masonry work is nearing substantial completion with last drop on west elevation being completed in 1st week of January.
- Inside Building A on the second floor finishes are substantially complete and overhead punch list has started to begin. The main gym wood flooring has been placed and has its first coat of finish applied, court to be completed by end of January with all painting completed. Bleachers have also started to be assembled. Alt. + Special Ed Gym resilient athletic flooring has started and is set to be completed in January. On the first floor, locker rooms will be finished with locker install in Mid-January, along with bathroom finishes. Level 1 Classrooms are nearing completion with casework and resilient flooring installed. PH 2 to 3 tie in has made a major advance with terrazzo flooring installed, and completion of all tile and drywall, and 90% of graphics on connecting wall completed. Black box MEPFP's are nearing completion and stage curtain track to begin install early January. Black box stage flooring to be completed in January.
- In regards to site work, the Minuteman bike path has made steps forward with continuation of wall placement, fence coring, etc. The toilet facility has made progress with the install of the OH Door. The west lot work has made major headway with curbing install, fence posts, and asphalt. West side of BLDG A retaining wall continues to push forward, as well as site work at the amphitheater and are expected to be substantially complete by turnover.
- The exterior plaza punch list is nearing completion with 10 items remaining. These items will be completed when weather cooperates and school is not in session.
- As of the 1/2/25 Schedule Update, Phase 3 TCO is currently on schedule for February 2025 turnover. Phase 4 and overall project completion are currently

on schedule, and new fields are on schedule for use at the return of the Fall 2025 school year.

The committee asked Jim Feeney when the light on Mill Street will run instead of a blinking light, and he said he could flip a switch but also needs to make sure the timing of the lights is accurate. Amy suggested to Jim to keep Joan Roman involved so she can message out when the light is fully functioning. Kirsi asked about the multi stack unit and John LaMarre replied that it has not been functioning since Phase 1, so the warranty hasn't started yet and have been waiting to the cold weather to determine how things have been going and the team has been meeting weekly for five months now and all phase 1 and 2 multi stack units had been performing as expected. The District Office has had issues offices being very cold and found out the compressor is not functioning properly. P.J. Kennedy is handling this and a new compressor was ordered and we had to wait for it but was delivered recently and came of the truck broken. We are still waiting for the new compressor which should arrive in a week. Fran informed the committee members that the District offices have been very cold, below 64 degrees, and most of the staff are using space heaters in each office to keep warm.

Subcommittee Reports

Communications – Amy Speare said the subcommittee prefers to delay any Phase 3 ceremony until Phase 4, sometime in the fall with the Building Committee, Select Board, and School Committee members. The committee may tour Phase 3 in March 2025.

Finance – Alex Magee nothing to report.

Interiors - Liz Homan nothing to report.

Landscape & Exteriors - Liz Homan nothing to report.

Memorials – Bill McCarthy nothing to report.

SMEPPFP – Ryan Katofsky nothing to report.

Security – Liz Homan nothing to report.

Temp Use-Phasing – Liz Homan said the subcommittee meet before the winter break to discuss Phase 4 work and the parking and transportation move to Maple Street.

Meeting Minute Approval

On a **motion** by Bill McCarthy, seconded by Amy Speare, it was voted to approve the minutes of December 10, 2024.

Roll Call: Liz Homan, Yes, Alex Magee, Yes, Kirsi Allison-Ampe, Yes, John Cole, Yes, Fran Gorski, Yes, Tobey Jackson, Yes, Matt Janger, Yes, Ryan Katofsky, Abstained, Brett Lambert, Abstained, Kate Loosian, Yes, Bill McCarthy, Yes, Judson Pierce, Abstained, Amy Speare, Yes, and Jeff Thielman Yes. **Motion Passes.**

New Business

None

Adjournment

On a **motion** by Ryan Katofsky, seconded by Frank Callahan, it was voted to adjournment at 6:57 p.m.

Roll Call: Liz Homan, Yes, Jim Feeney Yes, Alex Magee, Yes, Kirsi Allison-Ampe, Yes, John Cole, Yes, Fran Gorski, Yes, Tobey Jackson, Yes, Matt Janger, Yes, Ryan Katofsky, Yes, Brett Lambert, Yes, Kate Loosian, Yes, Bill McCarthy, Yes, Judson Pierce, Yes, Amy Speare, Yes, and Jeff Thielman Yes. **Motion Passes.**

Respectfully submitted by Karen Fitzgerald, Executive Administrative Assistant and Recording Secretary to the AHS Building Committee 1/9/2025