

COMMITTEE ON JOINT SCHOOL BUILDINGS

October 8, 2024 at 5:00 PM

Chairman O'Connell called the meeting to order.

The Clerk called the roll.

Present: School Committee Members O'Connell, Soule
Aldermen Terrio, Kantor, O'Neil

Absent: School Committee Member Turner

Messrs.: D. Saindon, M. Lenfest, J. Soucy, J. Gagne

1. Presentation from LeftField regarding the School District Priority One Project to date.

David Saindon, Project Executive at LeftField, stated we have a little bit longer of a slide deck than we typically do. After the LeftField standard presentation, I am going to hand it over to Jennifer Soucy who will provide an update with the Group 1, or Hillside/McLaughlin, DD phase. She will also go over where we are at Beech for the schematic design.

Mark Lenfest, Senior Project Manager at LeftField, stated so everyone is aware, DD is design development.

Mr. Saindon stated ongoing activities, some of them are not completed and will still be ongoing, within the last thirty days include: continued modular punch list; we will closeout Consigli for the modular contract as well as Triumph; the CM contract for Group 1 is in progress and that is with Consigli; pre-construction meetings have started with Consigli; the CM selection for Group 2 has been finalized and is with Harvey Construction; and the same for Beech Elementary has been finalized with Harvey Construction; we will have continued development of the various project schedules; continued programming for the middle school and Beech; continued coordination and installation of technology for the modulars; we have had continued Beech/Amoskeag communication; procurement of the website is somewhat completed but it will start within the next couple of weeks; continued communication with all stakeholders; and we have taken a little bit of a deeper dive with the review of the culvert at Sheridan-Emmett Park, related to the Beech project. Looking forward to the next thirty days: ongoing and hopefully a completion of the punch list for the modulars – there are a few items within the modulars that will most likely be completed during a winter break due to the scope of the work and efficiency of getting it done and working in conjunction with the district; there will be ongoing MEP training for the modular equipment; refinement of the IT at the modulars; if we haven't closed out Consigli and Triumph, we will be; we will finalize the contract for Consigli and Harvey for both projects; we will start pre-construction meetings for Group 2 and Beech, and continue for Group 1; continued development on all the schedules and the phasing for Hillside and McLaughlin; continued estimating and design development for Hillside and McLaughlin; schematic estimating for Beech; continued refinement of the design for all the schools. We have a meeting with the Lands and Buildings Committee related to the Amoskeag release of deed. I might be getting ahead of myself, but the agenda will be reviewed with the mayor tomorrow.

Then, hopefully it will be on the agenda which will be put out on Thursday. From where I am, I am hoping we are going to be on the agenda for the October 15 meeting. Like I said, I am getting a little bit ahead of myself. We are going to start the Priority I website, and then there will be continued communication with all stakeholders. You can see that the modulars are complete. We are just finishing up closeout. The CM is procured for Beech. Once we execute the contract it will show as 100% complete. McLaughlin and Hillside, we have Consigli. They are moving forward with pre-construction. Parkside and Southside is with Harvey. As always, Parkside and Southside are going to be out anywhere from six to nine months trailing the trajectory of McLaughlin and Hillside. Modular punch list items will continue and there may be some punch list scope that will be addressed during winter break. Within the report that was issued to everyone on Friday afternoon, we have a rolled-up budget. Within the report there were the six budgets all separated. This one is for the modulars. I have been including this on all of the reports since we were managing the modulars and getting them complete. At a certain point, when we have all of the invoices and a budget cleanup with the modulars, at this meeting I will report the under-run or the savings on where we are going to move it to the other five projects. We haven't decided if we're going to move it into one project or disperse it to the other five. There will be savings within the modular project. As far as an invoice payment log – it feels like we were here two or three weeks ago. With the timing, we could not include an invoice payment log. That log is going to be reviewed with the district tomorrow on October 9. It will have payment approval on the 17th, and the checks will be issued on the 18th. Due to the timing, I don't have an invoice log to show you, nor was it part of the report. Within the report, we included all of the schedules rolled-up and individually within all six projects. At this point, we can either take a pause and answer any questions you may have or we can segue into the update with McLaughlin, Hillside, and Beech.

Alderman O'Neil stated I have a question related to the modulars. David, I want to make sure I am reading the contingency right. There is \$826,000 in costs in contingency right now?

Mr. Saindon replied I'd have to look myself.

Alderman O'Neil stated that is what you have highlighted. Is some of that committed?

Mr. Saindon answered some of it is.

Alderman O'Neil stated I don't care the mechanics of how this gets done, but we need to reseed the Central football practice field. Unfortunately, they got right on it and it never took. Also, there is a corner down at McLaughlin on the soccer field. I was down there this weekend and it could use some reseeding. It is not big. Whatever that cost is to get it done, I did talk to Ryan and he talked to the subject matter experts and they said the first week of November is probably the last week you want to hydroseed. We won't have a meeting until after that.

Alderman O'Neil moved to hydroseed the Central High School practice football field and a section of the McLaughlin Middle School soccer field with any necessary funds to be taken from the Manchester School District Priority I budget.

Chairman O'Connell asked can you address that in terms of cost.

Mr. Saindon stated we can get an order of magnitude of what the costs would be. I do have a concern, and Mark can elaborate, that for the Beech property or the Beech field it gets used five days a week. I think it comes down to the timing of hydroseeding it.

Alderman O'Neil responded we are going to have to hydroseed it and then lock it up tight.

Mr. Saindon stated yes.

Alderman O'Neil stated I would have a second part of the motion, but I'm not sure the Chairman is going to accept it.

Chairman O'Connell stated let's take the first motion first. Do we have a second?

Mr. Lenfest stated not only is it an order of magnitude on the cost, when you say lock it up, that is great that we won't have traffic on it. The other part is you need the irrigation system working. We have repaired the irrigation system that was an issue. That being said, I know that you are scheduling right now to do your blow-outs and shut-downs. We need to make sure that that is coordinated with Parks and Recreation.

Alderman O'Neil stated you have the man right behind you that can coordinate that.

Mr. Lenfest stated right, we need to make sure that is part of it.

Alderman O'Neil stated Mark, it has to get done. It is chewed up. It has to get done.

Mr. Lenfest stated right, but whether it is in November or whether it is in the spring...

Alderman O'Neil interjected no. It has to get done now so that it sets over the winter. Doing it in the spring will lead to activity on it again. It needs to get done now and locked up. I do stuff at my house in the fall and in the spring-time it comes up wonderfully.

Chairman O'Connell stated Alderman O'Neil, with respect, I'd like to hear from the people that are going to be doing the work as to when it should be done. Josh Gagne is here. I've learned since our conversation yesterday about the irrigation issue on the field. We can pass a motion if you have a second at this meeting to tell LeftField to go and hydroseed the field, and the Parks Department or DPW might well say we are shutting out and blowing out the irrigation system so we have no water. We are going to throw money away. I am not qualified to say; I don't know. My worry is if we have a motion to say it should be done so the field is made whole or whatever is reasonable, I get that. I don't want to be insisting on doing something. I don't know.

Alderman O'Neil stated I spoke to Ryan Audley about this. He is the one that gave me the date. Their recommendation is the first week of November would be the last week. If they were doing it on one of their own projects, that is what it would be.

Mr. Lenfest stated I was talking to Facilities today. Basically, your vendor is Groundhog who does all your blow-outs. They are going to get me what the date is for the blow-outs because Ryan is right, as long as you're watering it. You have two weeks before frost sets in. You might get an early frost but you can still get germination. If you don't have germination before you get your regular winter frost, that's not going to work.

Alderman O'Neil replied you are coming up with excuses, guys.

Mr. Lenfest responded it is not an excuse.

Alderman O'Neil stated we can take care of the blow-outs; it can change. We need to get this done. This committee will not meet again until after the first week of November. It needs to be done.

Chairman O'Connell stated I am not supportive of the committee demanding something is done. Josh Gagne is sitting here, or whoever from the city who is in charge of this. I don't care, I just don't want any money wasted.

Alderman O'Neil replied money is not going to be wasted. I will work with Josh and with Director Clougherty on the blow-outs. That is something that can be handled.

Alderman Kantor duly seconded the motion.

Alderman Terrio asked how much is this going to cost.

Mr. Saindon stated we don't have a cost yet. We can provide it, but I have to say it is, in my opinion, not going to move the needle in the grand scheme of things.

Alderman Terrio stated I'm assuming this money is coming from the building budget. We have legal counsel here. My question is can we do this? Can we take money from the building budget to use it for field upkeep?

Mr. Lenfest stated if I could, the areas that Alderman O'Neil is talking about are disturbed areas by the project. They are not just field repairs in other locations. We spread material on the Beech field. We encroached on the McLaughlin field in the area that he is talking about. These would be project-related.

Chairman O'Connell stated like I said, I don't know. I don't have a horse in the race. I want to make sure we are not doing the wrong thing. Alderman O'Neil, you say you have spoken to Mr. Audley who says it can be done and we are going to trust him.

School Committee Member Soule stated we have to have all of the information before we make a decision. That would be my concern. We have Audley saying it is ok and when it has to be done, but do we know if the city is going to be willing to change if they have to for whatever the other piece is? I am concerned that I don't have all of the information to make an informed decision.

Alderman O'Neil replied you have three aldermen sitting here. The city is fine with changing the blow-out, I can tell you that. I am not going to let that hold up getting this

thing done. They are going to reschedule whoever blows-out the sprinkler line; that is going to happen. We are the city.

Alderman Terrio asked Josh, are you ok with this.

Josh Gagne, Chief of Facilities, stated I don't know what the blow-out schedule is for the lines, but we can work with the vendor.

Mr. Saindon stated if there is a strong desire, which it feels like there is, to implement this we can implement it. If for some reason it cannot be coordinated or aligned with blow-out, I would hope that with Audley we can orchestrate where it could be hydroseeded and then a water truck could come by to water it so it can germinate. We can figure something out to make it happen this fall. Then it can get revisited in the spring. I am trying to find a middle-ground.

Chairman O'Connell stated there is obviously a strong desire. It is a matter of seeding some grass. I am ok with it if you are ok with it. I certainly don't want to stand in the way of it.

Chairman O'Connell called for a vote. There being none opposed, the motion passed.

Alderman O'Neil stated again, the money would come out of the contingency for the Priority I project.

Chairman O'Connell replied it is part of the \$306 million project.

Mr. Saindon stated it is going to come out of the \$306 million. There is probably some unused contingency within Consigli's scope. It may come from there. We don't know what bucket it will come from, but it is coming from the \$306 million.

Alderman O'Neil stated I am not going to bring up the second motion, because that one got pretty bad. So, we can move on.

School Committee Member Soule stated I want to know where we are with the technology piece. Has the equipment that was needed come in? Have we switched over from what we had done as a stop-gap?

Mr. Lenfest answered some equipment came in. There is an issue with some of the switches. The vendor is coming down for a meeting on Thursday to discuss how the switches will be implemented into the existing infrastructure. Then they will decide whether or not it makes sense to move forward with those or if it makes sense to substitute. We are still working on this. We are working directly with Manchester School District IT Department. We had an update meeting on Monday. There are very few things remaining, but we do have some outstanding issues that we are working on.

School Committee Member Soule asked has there been any interruption in the service.

Mr. Lenfest answered no, there has not.

School Committee Member Soule replied that is the most important piece to our teachers, because that is what they use every single day. Is there anything else within the modulars that we should know about? Everything else is where it should be? There were some issues at the last meeting and I want to make sure they have all been dealt with and we are moving forward.

Mr. Lenfest responded there are some ongoing infrastructure and network upgrades. Not all systems are at 100% functionality within the network for the district. There are some district upgrades that are ongoing, that we have to wait for sequentially. The modulars are ready. The modulars are good. They are being sequenced into the district's operational plan.

School Committee Member Soule stated that's the biggest thing. I only say that because visiting classrooms, every single one of them, are using technology the entire day.

Mr. Lenfest stated the internet is working everywhere. Communication is working for the day-to-day operations; the functionality is there.

Jennifer Soucy, Project Architect with SMMA, stated we wanted to give you an update on the Priority I projects, primarily Hillside, McLaughlin, and Beech. For Hillside and McLaughlin first, we presented this slide last month to show you where we are at in the schedule. You can see for Hillside and McLaughlin we are nearing the completion of design development. This is where we are meeting with all the staff, the district folks, the city, to wrap-up what the final scope of the work is going to be before we move into construction documentation where we just work on developing those drawings for bidding and for construction purposes. We are well into that and still on target to be issuing some early packages for foundations and steel for the additions at the end of this year. Then, construction and shovels in the ground for spring 2025. This is an aerial view of the McLaughlin site. The blue outline that you see where that cursor is located is where the new addition is going to be located. We are essentially closing the loop in the building, which would connect the existing gym and cafeteria. The new addition houses a whole new main entrance to the school. What we are also doing is relocating the existing library into this addition. What that allows is for locating all of the public community use spaces after hours in one area so we can zone off the school for those after-hours uses. You can see the modulars in place as well. Ultimately, those will go away. They will be in place while the construction is happening. This is a rendering of this new addition that we are creating. A new main entrance to the school. What we are really trying to do with this is the existing building is heavy right now with the brick façade, so we are trying to bring in some new materials to lighten it up and create a fresh new main entrance to the school. You can see on the second floor is where the new media center/library is going to be located. We are trying to highlight that as a public community space with lots of glass and a lighter appearance. When we close the loop, what we are doing is we are creating an interior court-yard. We are re-imagining that interior courtyard and seeing that as where we can create some educational opportunities for outdoor classrooms, learning spaces, etc. We are developing that design to conceive how we are carrying those lighter materials on this side of the courtyard. This is a rough view of what the new main entrance will look like. It is an open stair from the first to second floor to create a nice open space connecting the

media center and the public spaces on the first floor as well. You can start to see it suggesting a wood platform area at the base of the stairs, an area for gathering, maybe an informal learning area. The main entrance is on the left; on the right would be the stairs. This is a view of the media center on the second floor. We are introducing some warmer wood-look type ceilings to create some warm spaces inside using different ceiling heights to create different zones within the media center. We know flexibility is key these days in terms of the space and how we use it. We have a maker-space within the addition for robotics, project-based learning, those types of spaces. We have this structure exposed. It is more of an industrial look to the space.

Mr. Saindon stated we apologize for the colors. The presentation is a PowerPoint converted to a PDF, going from my machine to the projector. The colors, the resolution, what I am looking at on my computer screen is better than what is being projected. I don't want you to think these are the colors.

Ms. Soucy stated right, and we will continue to develop the color palate. The intent is that we are strategic in where we are putting accent colors so it is not in your face, but instead highlighting certain areas. Hillside, this is the aerial. The blue boxes that you see to the north of the existing building is where the new addition is going to be. That will be a three-story addition space. Hillside will become a 1,200-student school. McLaughlin will be 800 students. The Hillside addition is larger. This is a view looking from the parking lot where the modulars are looking at the three-story addition. We are trying to work with the existing colors of brick that you have on the building, but creating some accents to create shadow-lines in the building to give it some interest. This is a sectional view of the new main entrance. We are proposing a new entry canopy structure. The green color is similar to what you saw for McLaughlin, and it is an opportunity to bring in the school colors to create some interest at the main entrance. Another key component for recreating this main entrance is to make it a more welcoming experience, improving the transaction counter, creating a double-layer of security, but also adding some wood-look ceilings and to make that experience as you walk into the building more enjoyable. This is a view of the Hillside media center which we are relocating into the new addition as well. This brings the media center to the ground floor so we will have direct access from the outside for after hours' events so you can go into the media center and we can close off sections of the classroom. We are trying to bring in some wood-look elements to warm up the space. Another thing we are incorporating into the renovated parts of the building as well as throughout the addition, are these learning commons spaces. These are spaces outside of the classroom, break out areas for project-based learning, and we like to make these flexible spaces with fun furniture where kids can gather to do different types of learning. These were carving away into the renovation but also as a consistent theme throughout all the projects. The art space is in the new addition. Again, exposing some of the structure above and creating a more industrial-type of space. Moving onto Beech. Beech is in the schematic design phase. We are earlier in the design phase from Hillside and McLaughlin, so that puts us through design development into next year with the intent we are issuing early foundation and steel packages in April 2025, and construction starting in the summer 2025. These are precedent images that we will run through quickly. These are some of the things we try to envision when we think about what the new Beech is going to look like on the inside. This is a gym/cafetorium space and often we will pair these together. We will put an operational partition in between so

that we can expand that space for larger events. The media center is a space that we like to bring in a lot of light, but also have windows looking into and out of them so students can see and be engaged with the space and know what is going on inside these spaces. These are some images of learning commons spaces that we have created in some of our schools. You can see the types of furniture, the extension of the classroom space out into these corridors, and the things that we can do with that. This slide shows in the feasibility phase we have multiple studies of the masses of the building, and we made a selection. A group of teachers, leadership, selected a preferred option: The Edge of the Brook. This is what we will review in more detail tonight. Conceptually, the Edge of the Brook is that historically there was a brook that ran through the center of the city. Now it takes the form of an underground culvert structure. Conceptually, this brook links the public green spaces which run through the center of the city starting with the Sheehan-Basquill Park and moving through the Sheridan-Emmett Park and all the way to the cemetery. This Edge of the Brook concept, you will see this building is honoring that brook element and is trying to form the building around that so that conceptually you are still linking the green spaces and we are not creating a barrier between this nice connection you have between these green spaces in the center of the city. Also, historically, Edge of the Brook conceptually, old mill buildings, in Manchester and industrial cities, mill buildings would follow the edge of the river from a functional standpoint. We are trying to harken back to that as a concept as well. A plan site diagram as to how the building will take shape, you can see there will be to the south of the building some parking, very limited parking. Probably just to accessibility spaces, maybe some visitor spaces. There will be a plaza and a small drop-off area on the site, also creating a green area. You can see to the south of the building some exterior play space for school use, but I think that area could also be opened-up off hours as well for public use. The shape of the building also allows for the classroom wings, the wings to the north that come off of the main spine of the building. That is towards the quieter side of the building. I think functionally it works out well where you have the public spaces looking on to the south off of those green spaces and the plaza spaces and the classroom spaces. It allows for some exterior classroom space within that courtyard that creates to the north. This is a 3D rendering of the massing of the building. You can start to see some suggestion of some roof-green areas or roof-terrace areas on the upper levels. The last slide shows a physical model that we have created of this part of the city where we have inserted the new building. We are going to be giving that to the district to display at the new welcome center, but we shared it at CelebrateED, and I think it created a lot of excitement with the city. People are getting excited about the potential for the project.

Alderman O'Neil asked are there opportunities with the middle schools – and I can only speak about this having been at high schools – where they have for security reasons people coming in and going through a door. There is probably a term for it.

Ms. Soucy answered yes. We would be creating a secure entrance.

Alderman O'Neil asked at all four middle schools and Beech Street.

Ms. Soucy answered yes.

Alderman O'Neil asked is there a term for that. I don't know what it is called.

Ms. Soucy replied layered security. Security sequence.

Mr. Saindon stated a person-lock. It used to be called something else.

Mr. Lenfest stated security staging.

Alderman O'Neil stated for Beech Street you said there could be handicap parking and a drop-off area. It looked like one way in and one way out.

Ms. Soucy stated yes. I believe that is the intent right now.

Alderman O'Neil stated that can be a circulation nightmare. Not so much for people parking in the accessibility spots, but if you are allowing parents to pull in with cars, God bless you.

Ms. Soucy stated we are exploring this further and we are planning on meeting with the city's traffic engineer.

Alderman O'Neil stated that is Green Street. That is pretty dense right there.

Ms. Soucy replied we have engaged our own traffic engineers and traffic studies. We are going to meet with the city to review. We are in the schematic design level so we need to begin those discussions and if we need to change direction and design, we will.

Alderman O'Neil stated I saw there was one negative comment about the selection of the conceptual design. It said two outdoor play areas. I was trying to follow on your designs what that meant.

Ms. Soucy replied that was identified as a potential con, that we have two separate play areas with this scheme in terms of some of the other schemes where we may have had just one large open space. I don't think, talking it through with the teachers through the process, to me there were some pros. It ended up being some benefit to separating some of the play areas where you could have a quieter space and more secured space in the back dedicated just for the school, and an open green space to the south of the building becomes a more public-community use space after hours.

Alderman O'Neil asked staff parking would be across the street.

Ms. Soucy answered yes.

Alderman O'Neil asked what about staging areas at any of these sites, office trailers, supply trailers, lay-down areas.

Mr. Saindon answered part of the CM interviews, they all came in and provided conceptual logistic plans. This is done all the time. Some of these firms that came in, they build in downtown Boston. It will be staged accordingly. It is not going to be perfect for everyone.

Alderman O'Neil asked can you provide that at a future meeting.

Mr. Saindon answered at a meeting very much in the future.

Alderman O'Neil stated those sites are tight. I know you said downtown Boston; downtown Boston doesn't have people living in residential houses that have complained about some things already.

Mr. Saindon stated there is a conceptual plan, but that was done in a vacuum for the purposes of them coming in and presenting for the interview. There are many months of pre-construction that is going to happen. There will be a deliverable as a defined logistics plan.

Alderman O'Neil stated and you accomplished that with the modulares. You didn't tie it up for years. They will all want office trailers and supply trailers and material trailers. It is something we have to think about.

Mr. Saindon responded every project has a puzzle or a riddle. Right now, it is not solved, but there are ideas. Those ideas have to be flushed out and worked on with the client.

School Committee Member Soule stated I want to make sure, because Beech Street is a community school with federal monies, that we really make sure we have community spaces for the community and not just after school. We have a lot of families with young children and we would love to have them have an opportunity with our community partners to be in the school. I want to make sure the community knows that we are looking at that piece, because it really is important to us.

Alderman Kantor asked being new to this committee, this section is where the basketball courts are and the big field right across from Beech Street School correct.

Ms. Soucy answered that is correct, it is at the Sheridan-Emmett Park site.

Alderman Kantor stated that is breaking my heart. I am wondering where the kids are going to go to play basketball or in the big green area. Where are the kids in those neighborhoods going to go play when there is construction going on for how many years? How long is it going to take? To see what just happened a little while ago with the fields and getting them hydroseeded, is that what it is going to be? It is going to be a fight every single time something gets disrupted and it has to get fixed? Where are the kids going to go to play in the area? To play basketball? The kids have already been suffering long enough with the COVID craziness for the past four years. Where are they going to go to play?

Chairman O'Connell responded what David was alluding to earlier on about what is going on during the agenda review tomorrow for the agenda for the Lands and Buildings Committee for its October 15 meeting, that addresses the issue of what happens across the street from where the current Beech Street school is. The proposal that is going before the Lands and Buildings Committee, and eventually before the Aldermen for approval, and will be available to see as soon as documents come out Thursday or

Friday, the proposal is to build a school as you saw here on that park. Then, demolish the existing Beech Street School and recreate the basketball courts and playground on the end where Beech Street School is and around that. Then beyond that, that will be done in coordination with Parks and Recreation and DPW as to exactly what the end state of that is. The whole area will be open to be used. It is a development possibility there for an enhanced experience for kids in Ward 5 to have a much better play area. You'll see that whenever the agenda comes out for Lands and Buildings, you will see that proposal. That is the end-state. You were asking about something different.

Alderman Kantor stated exactly. The end-state, but how long is that from the start to the end? Where are the children going to go to play?

Mr. Saindon replied the construction duration is going to be roughly two years. We don't have an answer on where the basketball courts go or the individuals that use the basketball courts go. If they want to be replicated somewhere else, that can be looked at. Any money that is expended on replicating and building something for a two-year temporary situation or something else will have to come out of the Beech Street project or out of one of the other projects.

Alderman Kantor stated to me it is unacceptable. The kids need a place to play.

Alderman O'Neil stated I appreciate the quick response that City Clerk Normand sent out to be cognizant that the elections take place in our schools. I think the Assistant Superintendent responded and said we will make it work. I think nine of our twelve polling places are in schools. Schools play a very important part in the accessibility to our voters. I think there can be a good and easy transition on that. I appreciate the Superintendent responding.

Chairman O'Connell stated I made the point to Mr. Normand also that new Beech Street School will be in existence before the existing one goes. There will be no time at which a building for the polling station in Ward 5 won't exist. There will be a building available at all times. I would like to say one thing because it was said here, School Committee Member Soule talked about Beech Street as being a community school. I know that Jen mentioned it. At each of these schools, one of the things that is important is that they are being designed for community use. One of the challenges we have in our buildings today is that they don't lend themselves to public use out of hours. People have to access in through the school to have access into the building. It is difficult to have community and sports events, etc. Each of these buildings is being designed for public access so that the gym and library are available for use. They can be locked off separately from the rest of the buildings so that the community will be able to use them. The idea is that these buildings get a lot more use than nine to five, Monday through Friday. The other thing, at Beech Street, that is more substantial than at the four middle schools is there will be dedicated community spaces being built into Beech Street School. That will be a big net-plus for this community.

2. Monthly status and financial report for September 2024 submitted by LeftField.

*On motion of **Alderman O'Neil**, duly seconded by **School Committee Member Soule**, it was voted to accept the report and submit it to the Board of Mayor and Aldermen and Board of School Committee for informational purposes.*

*There being no further business, on motion of **Alderman Kantor**, duly seconded by **Alderman Terrio**, it was voted to adjourn.*

A True Record. Attest.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Matthew Normand". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Clerk of Committee