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TUESDAY, APRIL 30, 2024 – 6 P.M.
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1. CALL TO ORDER

2. NEW BUSINESS

A. School Committee Appointment

B. Mosier Elementary School Building Committee community appointments

3. ADJOURN

South Hadley Elementary Building Project Committee

- 3 community members with experience in architecture, construction, and/or engineering (voting/ advisory)
- 2 South Hadley Public School parents (voting/ advisory)
- 2 South Hadley Public School staff members (**non-voting**/ advisory)

Applicants:

Construction/Architecture Experience

Ryan Moore
Rudi Hall
Art Procter
Diane Mulvaney
Brian Kennedy

Parent:

Teresa Winter
Erica Faginski

Staff:

Liz Wood
Brook Beaulieu

Kristin Maher
Executive Assistant to Administration
116 Main Street
Room M18
South Hadley, MA 01075

April 22, 2024

Dear Ms. Maher:

Please accept this document as my official letter of interest for the current South Hadley School Committee vacancy.

I had the distinction of serving on the School Committee before a health crisis necessitated my resignation in 2022. When I ran for the elected position, I ran on a social justice platform. My interest in the vacancy left by Dr. Lynda Pickbourn is inspired in two parts.

As an educator and scholar on social justice issues, I recognize that the current vacancy also creates a void in racial and LGBTQ+ diversity on the School Committee. While all Committee members value diversity, equity, and inclusion, representation is crucial to the South Hadley community. As a Puerto Rican-identified member of the LGBTQ+ and disability community, I bring unique perspectives, lived experiences, and issues of importance from these areas.

During my time on the School Committee, my voting record supported changes to district policies regarding the dress code, school calendar, and DEI requirements for hiring SROs. I also worked with the Racial Justice Task Force to craft a district-supported DEI policy.

When I initially ran for my School Committee position, I made a solemn pledge to serve the community for my term. Regrettably, circumstances prevented me from fulfilling this commitment. However, I am determined to keep my oath and provide the good people of South Hadley with the service they were promised when I took office. The community and the voting members of the School Committee and School Board might take pause at this application due to the health concern that necessitated my resignation and the fact that I do not have children enrolled in the South Hadley school district. My health status has been stable during my absence, and the stressors that contributed to my resignation are non-existent. As a community member who does not have children in the public school system, I am applying for this vacancy because as a school is the cornerstone of a community, every member of a community should concern themselves with the education of its children and the conditions for those who facilitate that education.

Having left my position as a member in good standing, I welcome the opportunity to serve the community once again. I look forward to a chance to work on issues that advance all aspects of public education in South Hadley.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jackson M. Matos". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a long horizontal line extending from the end of the name.

Dr. Jackson M. Matos



Building Project, SHPS <shbuilds@shschools.com>

Interest in Mosier School Building Committee

1 message

Ryan Moore <rmoore@shfd2.com>
To: shbuilds@shschools.com

Fri, Apr 19, 2024 at 10:51 PM

My name is Ryan Moore and I am interested in being considered for membership on the building committee for the new Mosier School.

Ryan Moore
rmoore@shfd2.com
188 Morgan St South Hadley MA 01075

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I have been a lifelong resident of South Hadley (40 Years) I attended South Hadley Public Schools and now have one child in the system with another one entering in the next couple years. I briefly worked in construction before entering the fire service. Being in the fire service for the last 17 years has given me a general knowledge of building construction including codes and standards. I believe my knowledge in building construction, passion for South Hadley and having children in the system makes me an ideal candidate to serve on the building committee. I am interested in serving in the category of construction experience, but could also serve as a parent depending on availability and need. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sent from my iPhone



Building Project, SHPS <shbuilds@shschools.com>

Building Committee consideration

1 message

Teresa Winters [REDACTED] >
To: shbuilds@shschools.com

Fri, Apr 19, 2024 at 5:15 PM

April 19, 2024

RE: Building Committee for elementary building project

Dear Dr. McLaughlin, Selectboard and School Committee Members,

My name is Teresa Winters-Tobin and I am writing to be considered for the Building Committee that will guide the proposed elementary building project to replace the current Mosier building. I am a parent of three South Hadley students and a resident of South Hadley. I wish to be considered as a parent member. I currently have one student in Plains, one in Mosier, and one in the high school. They have attended the South Hadley schools since pre-k. I have been active and involved in their educational experience.

My address is 24 Kimberly Drive, South Hadley, and my email is [REDACTED]. My phone number is 413-[REDACTED].

Throughout the years I have volunteered as a coach for their sports teams through the town parks and recreation programs, as well as been a Girls on the Run coach at Mosier, and chaperoned field trips and events. My experience as a parent with students that span kindergarten through high school provides a well-rounded perspective. I have also worked in higher education for the last 20 years.

My experience in higher education is in student affairs, starting in residence life and now as the Dean of Students. I have a master's degree in education, and in mental health counseling & school adjustment. I have been part of many planning committees for several building projects at the college level that included the construction of a science center, the renovation of a living learning cultural center, as well as several dining hall and residence hall renovations, and a center for student success in the library building.

Having three children not only at different ages and grades, but different learning abilities, has provided me with a well-rounded perspective as a parent and education professional. My interests include ensuring we have diverse learning spaces for both academics and co-curricular options, as well as spaces that are safe. I think it's important to consider the promotion of STEM, diversity, and overall flexibility to serve the diverse learning and behavioral needs of students. The educators also need flexible spaces with appropriate technology. As a team player on the committee working for the best outcome of the students and the town, I would be honored to be part of the committee.

Thank you,

Teresa



Building Project, SHPS <shbuilds@shschools.com>

Re: South Hadley School Building Committee Search Reminder

1 message

Rudolph Hall <[REDACTED]>

Thu, Apr 18, 2024 at 1:28 PM

To: Jennifer Voyik <noreply@southhadleyschools.parentlink.net>, "SHBuilds@shschools.com" <SHBuilds@shschools.com>

Good afternoon,

My name is Rudolph (Rudi) Hall. My personal email is [REDACTED] and work email is [REDACTED]. My address is 14 Apple Road, South Hadley. My cell phone number is [REDACTED]. My experience is in the field of architecture, please refer to my attached letter of interest for a more comprehensive list of my qualifications.

Thank you for your consideration,

Rudi Hall

On Tuesday, April 16, 2024 at 02:56:41 PM EDT, noreply@southhadleyschools.parentlink.net <noreply@notification.com> wrote:

Good Afternoon South Hadley Community,

Just a reminder that the South Hadley School District and Municipal Government are forming a Building Committee to guide the proposed elementary building project. The committee will be made up of members from within the school district, town, and community who will serve in an advisory capacity in either a voting or non-voting role. We are sending this email as a call for volunteers from the community to serve on this important committee that will play a very important role in the planning, design and implementation of a new school to replace the well worn Mosier building. The total commitment for this committee is approximately 5-7 years. The schedule would include a minimum of one meeting per month, with the potential for meeting more than once a month as necessary. We are currently looking for members to serve representing the following categories:

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If you are interested in being considered for membership on this committee, please respond to this email with your name, email, address, phone number and background, including particular skills or interests you have that would help the Selectboard and School Committee better evaluate your application. Also, please indicate in your letter of interest which of the three categories (parent, staff or architecture, construction and/or engineering) you wish to be considered for.

We thank you in advance for your thoughtful consideration of being part of this very important work.

Respectfully,

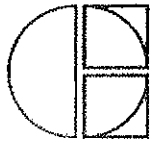
Mark McLaughlin, Ed.D

Interim Superintendent

South Hadley Public Schools

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April 17, 2024

Letter of Interest: Application for South Hadley Building Committee Membership: **Mosier School project**

Dear Committee Selection Panel,

I am writing to express my keen interest in serving on the Building Committee for the proposed elementary building project in South Hadley. With a background in public architecture and extensive experience in architectural design and project management, I am enthusiastic about the opportunity to contribute to this important initiative.

I am an eight-year resident of South Hadley and have worked in the Architectural industry since 1999, I have worked at Caolo and Bieniek Associates (CBA) for twenty years. I am married to a public educator, and both of my two young children attend public school in South Hadley.

In my time with CBA, I have worked on several MSBA projects, including Easthampton High School, Easthampton Mountain View School, and the Westfield Franklin School, which is currently under construction. I have been involved in all the various phases of these projects, from the study phase to workshopping, development design, construction documents and finally construction administration.

Throughout my career, I have worked on various public and private educational construction projects throughout Western Massachusetts, including work at Chicopee, West Springfield, and Holyoke Boys and Girls Clubs, as well as projects at Phoenix Charter School, Westfield University and Williston Northampton School. As part of these projects, I have developed a very strong understanding of Chapter 149, Massachusetts General Bid Laws, Building Codes, the General Contractor selection process, and the architectural selection process for MSBA.

In full disclosure, any local school projects Caolo and Bieniek Associates will be pursuing and this may require me to recuse myself of any conflicts of interest at that time if there is a conflict of interest.

My career experience will help this committee ensure that the Town of South Hadley has the best implementation in design for the new school.

As the South Hadley School District and Municipal Government embark on this endeavor, I am eager and ready to contribute. I recognize the significance of assembling a diverse committee



Building Project, SHPS <shbuilds@shschools.com>

Elementary School Building Project

1 message

Erica Faginski [REDACTED] >
To: SHBuilds@shschools.com

Wed, Apr 17, 2024 at 9:19 AM

Leadership of the South Hadley Public Schools and the Town of South Hadley,

I am writing to express my interest in being considered for membership on the Elementary School Building Project. As a former South Hadley Public School employee, I served as counsel to the Plains School Building Project relative to my role as Director of Curriculum and Grant as I oversaw Instructional Technology within the complete scope of my role. Since that time, I have also served on the Harris Brook Elementary School building project for my current school district, the Ludlow Public Schools. As an educator, I understand the commitment and the importance of each phase and decision when it comes to a project of this magnitude. As a parent of school aged children, I also have a vested interest in supporting the needs and experiences of all students we serve.

I thank you for your time and consideration.
Respectfully submitted,
Erica Faginski-Stark

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Erica Faginski-Stark, Ed.D.
South Hadley, MA 01075



Building Project, SHPS <shbuilds@shschools.com>

Building committee

1 message

Elizabeth <ewood@shschools.com>
To: shbuilds@shschools.com

Tue, Apr 16, 2024 at 3:15 PM

Hello,

I am interested in being part of this committee if an opening exists for a school community member.

Best,

Liz

Elizabeth Wood MSW, LCSW

Principal

South Hadley High School

(413)538-5063



Building Project, SHPS <shbuilds@shschools.com>

South Hadley - Building Committee Volunteer

1 message

Art Procter <proctera@gmail.com>

Fri, Apr 12, 2024 at 7:03 AM


To: SHBuilds@shschools.com

To Whom it May Concern,

My name is Art Procter and I am interested in volunteering for the Building Committee. I have 3 kids, my oldest Art "AJ" Procter is currently in 2nd grade at Moiser. Grace, my second oldest, is going to be starting Kindergarten at Plains in September and my youngest Bernie who is 2 years old is at Gorse Children's Center. My wife Kathryn teaches at Agawam High school as a foreign language teacher. I graduated from Wentworth Institute of Technology with a Bachelor of Architectural Engineering and I have had a few architectural jobs. My current job is at Wright Architectural Millwork in Northampton, MA as an engineer, where I design and engineer commercial casework mainly for the Boston area. I would be interested in applying as an architecture, construction, and engineering committee member.

Thanks,

Art Procter



101 Pine Street
South Hadley, MA



Building Project, SHPS <shbuilds@shschools.com>

Building Committee

1 message

Beaulieu, Brook <bbeaulieu@shschools.com>

Wed, Apr 10, 2024 at 10:07 AM

To: shbuilds@shschools.com

Dear South Hadley Selectboard and School Committee Members,

I am writing to express my interest in serving on the School Building Committee in the capacity of a South Hadley staff member in an advisory capacity. This is my twenty-fourth year in South Hadley and I am excited to see the new building come to fruition.

I believe I have a unique perspective to share as I currently work in the portable classroom as a reading specialist at Mosier School and was also a kindergarten teacher at the old Plains Elementary School and went through that build and transitioned to the new Plains Elementary School. I did not serve in an official capacity throughout that process, but sat in on many planning meetings with Jillayne Flanders and was the Kindergarten Grade-Level Coordinator at the time.

I look forward to sharing my lens as an educator with decades of experience with elementary-aged children and their unique developmental needs and am someone who is willing to seek the input of my colleagues. I have a wonderful working relationship with them, and know that they will give me their honest feedback if given the opportunity.

Thank you for your time and consideration of me for this important committee.

Most sincerely,

Brook Beaulieu

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Building Project, SHPS <shbuilds@shschools.com>

Fwd: Mosier Building Committee

1 message

Diane Mulvaney [REDACTED]
To: SHBuilds@shschools.com

Wed, Apr 24, 2024 at 11:28 AM

Good morning

Unfortunately this was buried in my emails and I am just seeing this now. Understanding the date has passed I would still like to express an interest.

Diane Mulvaney

146 Lyman St

architecture, construction, and/or engineering (voting/ advisory

[REDACTED]
Having worked in the service industry where building and oversight of operations for new units was a position held for several years. Having also been on the Plains School Building Committee and the Senior Center Building Committee, I have an operational strength for this Committee for being able to commit to the period of time as well.

Thank you for the opportunity to be considered for this.

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----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Voyik, Jennifer** <jvoyik@shschools.com>

Date: Wed, Apr 10, 2024, 9:14 AM

Subject: Re: Mosier Building Committee

To: Diane Mulvaney <[REDACTED]>

Cc: Lisa Wong <lwong@southhadleyma.gov>, Mark Mclaughlin <mamclaughlin@shschools.com>

Good Morning Diane,

Thank you for your email. Monday got away from us a little bit, but we did send out the email yesterday afternoon to the South Hadley staff and school community. I believe Lisa is planning on sending out an email to the entire South Hadley Community, but she didn't receive the finalized letter until yesterday afternoon. I have included a copy of the letter below for you.

Please let me know if you have any questions,

Jennifer Voyik

Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Business Operations

South Hadley School Department

(413) 538-5057 Ext: 2606

jvoyik@shschools.com

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We thank you in advance for your thoughtful consideration of being part of this very important work.

Respectfully,

Mark McLaughlin, Ed.D

Interim Superintendent

South Hadley Public Schools

On Tue, Apr 9, 2024 at 6:24 PM Diane Mulvaney [REDACTED] wrote:

Hi Jennifer

I don't think I have seen anything as yet.

diane

On Wed, Apr 3, 2024 at 10:11 AM Voyik, Jennifer <jvoyik@shschools.com> wrote:

Good Morning Diane,

Lisa Wong reached out to me to let me know that you were interested in being a part of the Mosier Building Committee. I wanted to let you know that there will be a survey going out next week to the community for anyone that is interested in joining the committee. Our hope is to send the survey out on Monday. We will be sending the link to Lisa so that she can send it out through her mailing list.

In the meantime if you have any questions please let me know and I will do my best to answer them.

Jennifer Voyik

Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Business Operations

South Hadley School Department

(413) 538-5057 Ext: 2606

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Mosier Building Committee

1 message


Brian Kennedy <[REDACTED]>
To: "shbuilds@shschools.com" <shbuilds@shschools.com>






Wed, Apr 24, 2024 at 2:22 PM

Good Afternoon,

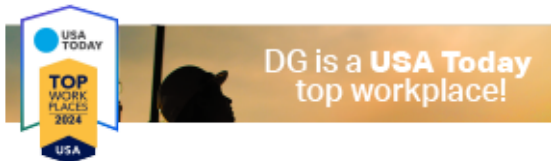
I understand I'm sending this past the 4/19 deadline, but thought I'd submit in case your selection pool is smaller than anticipated. Please feel free to reach out with any questions you might have – I've included my cell in the attached interest letter.

Thanks,
Brian



Brian Kennedy, P.E.
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 **Letter of Interest - Brian Kennedy.pdf**
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Brian Kennedy, P.E.

193 North Main Street, South Hadley, MA 01075



April 24, 2024

South Hadley School Committee and Selectboard (via email)

SHBuilds@shschools.com

To Whom It May Concern,

I recently received an email from Interim Superintendent Mark McLaughlin calling for volunteers for positions on the upcoming Mosier Building Committee, and I would like to express my interest in a seat as an engineering/construction advisor.

I have 15 years of mechanical engineering experience in facilities ranging from light commercial to municipal and institutional to industrial in nature, primarily focused on HVAC, plumbing, and fire protection design. Over that time, I have participated in all aspects of project development from budgeting and schematic design through design development and construction administration.

In terms of schools-related projects, I participated in the schematic HVAC and plumbing design of the Plains School several years ago under previous employment. Prior to that, I aided in the MEP design of and developed the energy model for the Hoosac Valley Middle and High School in Chesire, MA, which achieved LEED Gold certification from the USGBC. I've been involved in multiple other smaller school projects, including boiler replacements, additions, renovations, energy studies, etc.

My youngest is also a current Mosier student, and while the 5–7-year timeline expressed in Interim Superintendent McLaughlin's email surely puts the fruition of this project outside of my children's ability to experience the proposed school firsthand, I am nonetheless committed to the South Hadley community and the success of our students.

Please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions you might have to help inform your selection process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Brian Kennedy".

Brian Kennedy