



Story of a Building: Hildreth Elementary School

Thursday, October 13th, 2022

AGENDA

7:45 **Arrival - Gather in Gym – Coffee & Refreshments**

8:00 **Welcome and Introduction**

Rebecca Katsh-Singer, *Principal* joined by students
Jim MacDonald, *CEO, MSBA and First Deputy Treasurer*

Session 1: The Learning Environment

Educational Benefits to Student Learning

Linda Dwight, *Superintendent of Harvard Public Schools*

Creating a Sense of Identity and Place

Larry Spang, *Principal, Arrowstreet*

Q&A

Building Tour

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Session 2: Working with the Community

Getting to Yes

SusanMary Redinger, *Chair, School Bldng. Comm.*

A Building for Harvard

Larry Spang, *Principal, Arrowstreet*

Managing the Process

Tom Murphy, *Project Director, NV5*

Building a School

Ryan Lynch, *VP, Shawmut Construction*

Q&A



SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES



Linda Dwight, Superintendent of Harvard Public Schools

Linda Dwight has been the superintendent in Harvard for over eight years. Before that she was the principal of the Hildreth Elementary School for three years. During her years as the principal, she worked with the staff, parents, and students to identify the needs of the aging building. The journey began in 2015 and concluded in May 2021 with this beautiful school building.

Barbara Hansberry, Director of Strategic Planning, MSBA

As the MSBA's Director of Strategic Planning, Barbara champions innovation and best practices in the MSBA's school projects through the Story of a School Building and other training programs. She is growing the MSBA's Collaborative Procurement Program with the goal to save school districts money on school furniture.

Dr. Rebecca Katsh-Singer, Principal of Hildreth Elementary School

Rebecca is in her first year as principal at Hildreth Elementary School. Previously she was the science curriculum coordinator for the Westborough Public Schools and on the faculty at Brandeis University. Rebecca began her career as a 5th grade teacher. Rebecca holds a Ph.D. in Curriculum and Instruction and a M.Ed. in Educational Administration, both from Boston College.

Ryan Lynch, Vice President, Shawmut Construction

Having been with Shawmut for 20 years, Ryan has become an expert in the construction of K-12 schools utilizing the MGL 149A procurement process throughout the Commonwealth. From state-of-the-art new schools built on active campuses to sensitive occupied renovations, his projects remain on time and on budget.

Jim MacDonald, CEO, MSBA and First Deputy Treasurer

Jim MacDonald has served the Office of the Treasurer for over 40 years. He currently serves as First Deputy Treasurer; and MSBA's Chief Executive Officer. Jim is also a 27-year elected member of the Town of Dedham's Select Board, having served numerous times as Chair.

Tom Murphy, Project Director, NV5

Tom leads the K-12 school practice for NV5 in New England. Since joining NV5's Boston OPM group in 2010, after a 20-year career as an Architect, Tom has managed more than \$300M public K-12 projects. Tom has extensive experience with the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) procedures and protocols and has developed standards within NV5s procedures to ensure all projects adhere to those requirements.

SusanMary Redinger, Chair, School Building Committee

SusanMary Redinger has been a member of the Harvard School Committee for 11 years and has been engaged with the building project since the original application to MSBA in 2015. She served as Chair of the School Building Committee once the vote to fund the project was passed and has also served on the town's Capital Planning and Investment Committee.

Larry Spang, Principal, Arrowstreet

Larry has more than 30 years of professional experience as an architect, urban designer, and planner. As a Principal at Arrowstreet he leads the firm's educational practice, renowned for designing some of the highest performing public and charter schools in the Commonwealth. His work includes complex renovation and new construction projects that require significant permitting approvals.