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SAVOY SELECT BOARD MEETING
SAVOY TOWN HALL
Tuesday, September 9, 2025 5:00pm

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 5pm by Marie Saucier, seconded by Brenda Smith. Absent is Select Board member Justin Kaczowski.

The minutes of the August 26, 2025 Executive Session meeting and Select Board meeting were unanimously approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Savoy resident Kay LaViola, asked for clarification if there are any tax exemptions for senior residents living in Savoy. Brenda Smith, a member of the Board of Assessors, responded that there are two clauses: 17D and 41C. Both clauses have certain threshold requirements and must be filed annually with the Board of Assessors.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Ad Hoc Committee-Community Compact Technology Grant…Kathy Luczynski

- A proposal from Revolution MSP (MadMacs) for the Town of Savoy Network Security and Continuity Initiative[1] was reviewed. Brenda Smith made a motion to approve the proposal; seconded by Marie Saucier.
- After further review of the VOiP quote from MadMacs it was determined there was a need to add an additional phone and a fax/email converter. Kathy will contact MadMacs with the edits and an updated quote.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Vadar License for School

- Reporting from the recent School Committee meeting that Select Board members attended in which the need for Vadar access was substantiated. Access will allow direct input and tracking of school expenditures in real time and eliminate the need to rely on the Town Accountant for timely reports and information.
- Northern Berkshire School Union was granted a user license for the Savoy Vadar accounting system.

- The additional cloud user license costs $700/year; the cost this year will be paid from the unused funds in the Assessors salary account. The Finance Committee will approve moving the expense from the Assessor's salary account to the Vadar Accounting Account and advise the Town Accountant of the change.
- Vadar access was established.

Northern Berkshire Vocational School District-McCann Building Improvement Project

- The Select Board received an informational packet sent by the Northern Berkshire Vocational School District regarding the McCann Building Improvement Project that was approved by the Board of the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) on August 27th and approved by the school committee on September 3rd.[2]
- The total amount of the project is $16,779,269.00; the MSBA has approved to pay 64% of the grant eligible costs, leaving an estimated borrowing amount of $7,409,281.00. The District Agreement determines the process and the percentage each of the nine communities must contribute towards the debt.
- The statute stipulates that the Town has 60 days after receiving the notice of the debt authorization to take action to disapprove the borrowing at town meeting.
- The Select Board will bring the notice before the town residents to vote on at the Special Town Meeting tentatively scheduled for October 1st.
- The Selectboard Administrative Assistant is to contact the Superintendent and advise him of the decision to bring the notice to a Special Town Meeting for a vote and request the specific MSBA vote language to include on the Special Town Meeting warrant.
- The Superintendent will be asked if a representative can be present at the Special Town Meeting to answer questions.

Special Town Meeting-FY25 Closeouts

- The Town Accountant had questions regarding accounts for the BOH, wiring, and plumbing inspections. She needs information regarding inspection fees collected and how the inspectors are paid.
- The Selectboard Administrative Assistant will contact the various inspectors to confirm permit fees and the town/inspector breakdown and forward the results to the accountant.
- Select Board member, Marie Saucier, will draft the warrant for the Special Town Meeting. Items that will be included on the STM warrant:
    1. FY25 Highway snow and ice expense from Stabilization Account
    2. McCann Renovation
    3. Reorganization of Town Bylaws

Review Town Job Descriptions-Collins Center-Best Practice Grant

- The Select Board reviewed the edited town job descriptions that were done by each town department/position. The Select Board made changes that were deemed necessary. Two require further attention and input from the respective positions, those being the Tax Collector and Town Clerk job descriptions.
- The approved edited job descriptions will be emailed back to the Collins Center for finalization.
- The Select Board would like additional language added to each job description as to whether the position is elected, appointed, or hired.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- The Town Attorney advised the Select Board to report the condition of the mobile home on Chapel Road to the Board of Health for determination.
- The Cultural Council of Northern Berkshire asked for the Select Board to vote Julia Dixon as council representative for Savoy; the Select Board would like to first see if there is a resident of Savoy interested in the position. The Selectboard Administrative Assistant will reach out to NBCC to see if there are any qualifications needed to act as representative and who has held the position previously.
- Kurtis Durocher, Veterans' Services Officer/District Director of Northern Berkshire County, emailed a quote for two flag poles in the amount of $1596.08. It was discussed that the town does not have available funds to purchase two flag poles at this time. Select Board member, Brenda Smith, made a motion to table indefinitely the decision to purchase two flagpoles; seconded by Marie Saucier. The Selectboard Administrative Assistant will inquire with Kurtis about the town receiving used flagpoles from North Adams as was previously discussed.

SELECTBOARD ITEMS:

- Select Board member, Brenda Smith, has reviewed the USPS ground lease and will draft a letter to be sent along with pictures showing the condition of the current mailbox structure located at the Town Offices. The town would like to move the mailboxes and have the structure repaired to make way for a parking lot. Brenda will send the draft letter to Justin Kaczowski and Marie Saucier for input and approval before sending.

ADJOURN MEETING: Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Marie Saucier; seconded by Brenda Smith. The meeting was adjourned at 6:45pm.

APPROVAL DATE: 9/23/2025

Justin Kaczowski, Chair

Marie Saucier

Brenda Smith



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I. Overview of Project

Project Overview - Town of Savoy Network Security & Continuity Initiative

The Town of Savoy has been awarded a $20,000 grant to strengthen its network infrastructure and digital operations. This initiative is designed to create a more secure environment for conducting municipal business while enhancing resilience against cyber threats and operational disruptions.

As part of this project, a new server will be installed to provide domain control, strengthen compliance measures, and introduce a secondary layer of security. The server will also support offsite data management, ensuring greater efficiency and reliability.

Prior to implementation, all recommended changes identified by C3—a Massachusetts state-contracted cybersecurity firm that conducted a comprehensive vulnerability assessment—will be addressed to eliminate existing risks.

The project will also establish a formal Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery (BCDR) Plan. This plan will outline critical steps and measures to be taken in the event of catastrophic failures, such as natural disasters, fires, ransomware attacks, or data breaches. It will define the people, processes, and procedures essential to recovery and continuity of operations. To remain effective, the BCDR plan will be reviewed annually and updated as needed.

Through these combined efforts, the Town of Savoy will not only improve its current security posture but also ensure sustainable, long-term protection of its digital assets and municipal services.

A. Remediation of TOSS Security Scan Result Findings.

In February, through a Commonwealth Grant, the town requested a Cyber Risk Assessment. The vendor, TOSS C3, provided by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, provided the necessary Risk Assessment for this purpose. The results of the Risk Assessment were made available to the Town of on approximately 4/28/2025.

Contained within the Assessment were a variety of security and risk items that need to be addressed by the town in order to bring the towns Cybersecurity posture inline with Massachusetts and industry standards.

Based on the aforementioned report, the following items need be addressed. Once all items are addressed, the town can request a follow up with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to have them retest in order to verify they are in compliance. The list is summarized for clarity. If further details are needed please refer to the TOSS C3 report.

B. Installation of New Server.

A dedicated server provides the Town with a centralized, secure foundation for managing user access, enforcing compliance standards, and safeguarding sensitive information. By serving as the primary point of domain control, it strengthens authentication processes, reduces vulnerabilities, and ensures that only authorized personnel can access critical systems. In addition, the server adds a secondary layer of security and oversight, streamlining compliance with state and federal requirements while supporting offsite data management for greater resilience. Ultimately, this investment enhances both the integrity and reliability of the Town's digital operations.

The Hardware that was chosen:
ThinkSystem SR630 V3, 1xIntel Xeon Silver 4514Y 16C 2.0GHz 150W
4x32GB 2Rx8 (128GB Total RAM)
2x960GB SSD, ThinkSystem RAID 540-8i PCIe Gen4 12Gb Adapter
2x750W, XCC Standard
Windows Server 2025 Server (16 Core) - English
3 Year Warranty on Hardware

Additonally, We are including free Server maintenance from the date of installation until the n end of the physical year on June 30th, 2026.

C- Network Enhancements.

The primary network enhance ment that will be include din this proposes with be a more robust firewall and switching device in the Highway department. This will not only enhance security but will allow us to create a sit to site VPN for communication software data between the Highway Department and Town Hall.

D. Disaster Recovery Plan.

The final piece of teh project will be to author A Disaster Recovery Plan (DRP) which outlines the key strategies and procedures needed to restore essential systems and operations in the event of an unexpected disruption. Typical components include data backup and recovery processes, communication protocols, defined roles and responsibilities, alternative worksite arrangements, and step-by-step actions for responding to events such as cyberattacks, hardware failures, or natural disasters. The plan ensures that critical services can be quickly resumed while minimizing downtime, financial impact, and risk to the community.

II. Conclusion

Together, these initiatives will significantly enhance the Town of Savoy's ability to safeguard its digital environment and maintain reliable operations. By implementing the recommended security upgrades, deploying a dedicated server for domain control, and strengthening offsite data management, the Town will achieve greater protection, efficiency, and compliance with regulatory standards. The development of a comprehensive Disaster Recovery Plan further ensures continuity of government services in the face of emergencies, from natural disasters to cyberattacks. Collectively, these measures will provide a more secure, compliant, and resilient network environment—one that protects sensitive data, supports staff in their daily work, and ensures the Town can confidently serve its residents well into the future.

To this end, once all items have been completed, we can then reach out to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and ask them to perform a retest. And once we receive the results of this second round of testing, it will allow us to clear up and fix any open items that may arise.

End of Proposal

AGREED AND ACCEPTED:

Date: 9-9-2025

[redacted]

By: Marie EZ Sawyer

Print Name / Position

Marie EZ Sawyer
Select Board

Date: 9/24/25

Client: Revolution IT, Inc

By:

Print Name / Position

Founder

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North Adams
Savoy
Williamstown

September 4, 2025

Mr. Justin Kaczowski
Chairperson
Savoy Board of Selectmen
720 Main Road
Savoy, Massachusetts 01256

Justin

Dear Mr. Kaczowski,

I am pleased to report that the Board of the Massachusetts School Building Authority, MSBA, voted on August 27, 2025 to approve the proposed Accelerated Repair Project for a new roof, window and door replacement and related ADA compliance improvements for the McCann Technical School. We are proud of our facility maintenance activities over the past 30 years in updating our building and grounds with over $20,000,000.00 of improvements while only asking your assistance to borrow $1,200,000.00 in 1996 for a new roof and $750,000.00 in 2010 for gymnasium and locker room renovations. Over this time we have updated our boilers and heating systems, installed new ventilation, improved parking lots and sidewalks, made athletic field improvements and upgraded our vocational education equipment, computers and software by judicious use of grants and budget funds, and through grant funding opened our new 3.3 million dollar HVAC building in 2024.

This project is designed to replace a leaking 28-year old roof, replace the 1961 single pained exterior glass and make our facility handicap accessible. The energy savings alone will be significant and also the safety of our students and staff will be enhanced with the glass replacement. We have an obligation to ensure that our building is fully accessible for all. It is for this purpose that we seek your support. This project will extend the life of the facility for another 50 years, save precious energy costs and create a safe and accessible learning environment.

The school committee at its regularly scheduled meeting on September 3, 2025 approved the authorization to incur debt of $16,779,269.00 for the project. The MSBA has approved to pay 64% of the grant eligible costs leaving an estimated borrowing amount of $7,409,281.00. While we recognize the impact of this project on your local budget we humbly seek your support to make these necessary repairs which will enable us to continue to offer the finest vocational programs in the Commonwealth to future generations of students. We have been good stewards of your facility and economically responsible for the past 64 years and your support will ensure our efforts can continue for another 64 years!

Our District Agreement determines the process and the percentage each community must contribute to capital expenditures. The approval of such is also governed by M.G.L. C. 71 §16(d). This statute stipulates now that you have been given notice of the debt authorization you have 60 days to take action to disapprove the borrowing at town meeting. If no action is taken the borrowing is deemed approved. All nine communities must approve the borrowing for the project to continue to the bid document phase, hopefully in late fall with construction scheduled for May through September, 2026. If you hold a town meeting in this matter the MSBA has specific vote language which we will provide to you. Please let us know if you will be proceeding to a town meeting.

We have included several documents for your information including a tentative 15-year borrowing schedule to help you understand your potential financial obligation. This estimated long-term borrowing schedule would be effective for FY28 as your FY27 financial obligation would be interest only. We have also provided those projected FY27 interest payments. I would like to schedule a visit with you to discuss our project and any procedural questions you may have. If your schedule permits I would welcome you to visit with me at McCann to tour the school and better acquaint you with the need for our project. Please email or call message me for the best time and location to meet. We have long appreciated your support of McCann and look forward to working with you on this latest endeavor.

Very truly yours,

JAMES J. BROSNAN
Superintendent

Sec. IV and Sec. IX District Agreement
Budget Table IV
School Committee Debt Authorization
Estimated Debt Schedule

From Northern Berkshire Vocational Regional School District School Committee

To Town of Savoy, Massachusetts

Notice of Authorization to Incur Debt

At a meeting duly noticed and held on September 3, 2025, for which a quorum was present, the Northern Berkshire Vocational Regional School District (the "District") voted to appropriate the amount of $16,779,269 for the purpose of paying costs of the McCann Technical High School Accelerated Repair Program at 70 Hodges Cross Rd., North Adams, MA 01247, for school building roof repairs and exterior glass replacement, including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto (the "Project"), which proposed repair project would materially extend the useful life of the school and preserve an asset that otherwise is capable of supporting the required educational program, and for which the District may be eligible for a school construction grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority ("MSBA"), said amount to be expended at the direction of the School Building Committee. To meet this appropriation the District is authorized to borrow said amount, under and pursuant to Chapter 71, Section 16(d), of the General Laws and the District Agreement, as amended, or pursuant to any other enabling authority. The District acknowledges that the MSBA's grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need as determined by the MSBA, and any Project costs the District incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the District; provided further that any grant that the District may receive from the MSBA shall not exceed the lesser of (1) sixty-four percent (64%) of eligible, approved project costs, as determined by the MSBA, or (2) the total maximum grant amount determined by the MSBA, and that the amount of borrowing authorized pursuant to this vote shall be reduced by any grant amount set forth in the Project Funding Agreement that may be executed between the District and the MSBA.

This constitutes notice of the debt authorized above as required by M.G.L.c.71, §16(d) and Section IX of the District's Regional Agreement.

Please contact Superintendent James Brosnan with any questions.

Hand delivered September 5, 2025

Northern Berkshire Vocational Regional School District

By, James J. Brosnan
Its, Secretary

Received by Town of Savoy

SECTION IV

APPORTIONMENT AND PAYMENT OF COSTS INCURRED BY THE DISTRICT

Classification of Costs

For the purpose of apportioning assessments levied by the District against the member municipalities, costs shall be divided into three categories: capital costs, operating costs and transportation costs.

A. Capital Costs

Capital costs shall include all expenses in the nature of capital outlay such as the cost of acquiring land, the cost of constructing, reconstructing, and adding to buildings, and the cost of remodeling or making extraordinary repairs to a school building or buildings, including without limitation the cost of the original equipment and furnishings for such buildings or additions, plans, architects' and consultants' fees, grading and other costs incidental to placing school buildings and additions and related premises in operating condition. Capital costs shall also include payment of principal of and interest on bonds, notes or other obligations issued by the District to finance capital costs. Capital costs will include capital outlay appearing in the 7000 DESE functions codes.

1. Apportionment of Capital Costs

Capital costs incurred in connection with the construction, equipping and placing in operation of the initial district school building, including the payment of principal of and interest on bonds, notes or other obligations of the District issued to finance such capital costs, shall be apportioned on the basis of the member municipalities' equalized valuations and population, determined as to any member municipality by adding together the ratio which its equalized valuation bears to the total equalized valuations of all the member municipalities and the ratio which its population bears to the total population of all the member municipalities and dividing this sum by two. Equalized valuation as used in this clause (1) shall be the valuation of each member municipality as determined by the Massachusetts Department of Revenue (DOR) and population as used in this clause (1) shall be the population of each member municipality according to the latest state census as determined by the DOR. The ratio for each particular borrowing shall not be changed during the period in which such bonds, notes or other obligations are outstanding except when a new town or towns are added to the district whereupon the capital cost will be recalculated consistent with this section (1). Also, the capital costs will be recalculated upon adoption and acceptance by the towns of Cheshire and Lanesborough.

2. Capital costs other than those apportioned pursuant to clause (1) of this subsection shall be apportioned consistent with Section B (1).

B. Operating Costs

Operating costs shall include all costs not included in capital costs as defined in Section IV (A), including but not limited to interest on temporary notes issued by the District in anticipation of revenue.

1. Assessment of Operating Costs

Operating costs will be assessed to each member municipality using the statutory method. For each fiscal year, the assessment of operating costs for each member municipality will be the sum of the following: (a) the member's required local contribution to the District (municipal minimum contribution) as determined by the Commissioner; (b) the member's share of that portion of the District's net school spending, as defined by M.G.L. c. 70, §2, that exceeds the total of the required local contributions for all members; and (c) the member's share of costs for transportation

and all other expenditures (exclusive of capital costs as defined under Section IV, B) that are not included in the District's net school spending. A member's share of (b) and (c) above will be calculated on the basis of foundation enrollment as defined in M.G.L. c. 70, § 2. The example of the calculation is contained in Appendix A.

C. Transportation Costs

Transportation costs shall be apportioned to the member municipalities as an operating cost on a per pupil basis minus regional transportation reimbursements (CH 71) received by the district.

D. Times of Payment of Apportioned Costs

Assessment	Transportation	Capital Costs
1 August 25%	1 September- 50%	1 October- 100%
1 November- 50%	1 February- 100%	
1 January- 75%		
1 April- 100%		

E. Application of State Grants

Any school construction grants received by the District from the Commonwealth under the Direction of the Massachusetts School Building Authority shall be applied only to the payment of capital costs as defined in Section IV (A) of this agreement.

SECTION IX

INCURRING OF DEBT

Within seven days after the date on which the Committee authorizes the incurring of debt, other than temporary debt in anticipation of revenue to be received from member towns, the said Committee shall cause written notice of the date of said authorization, the sum authorized, and the general purpose or purposes for authorizing such debt, to be given to the selectboard of each member town and to the city council of the city of North Adams, in accordance with M.G.L. c. 71, § 16 (d) as from time to time amended.

Northern Berkshire Vocational Regional School District
Table IV

Our District Agreement is as follows... "Capital costs incurred...shall be apportioned on the basis of the member municipalities' equalized valuations and population, determined as to any member municipality by adding together the ratio which its equalized valuation bears to the total equalized valuations of all the member municipalities and the ratio which its population bears to the total population of all the member municipalities and dividing this sum by two...

Municipality	Equalized Valuation	%	Population	%	Proportionate Cost
Adams	789,861,000	16.42%	7,995	21.53%	18.97%
Cheshire	447,945,500	9.31%	3,195	8.60%	8.96%
Clarksburg	161,712,900	3.36%	1,640	4.42%	3.89%
Florida	203,461,600	4.23%	675	1.82%	3.02%
Lanesborough	604,416,400	12.57%	3,007	8.10%	10.33%
Monroe	34,088,300	.71%	115	0.31%	0.51%
North Adams	1,043,247,700	21.69%	12,483	33.61%	27.65%
Savoy	99,612,700	2.07%	647	1.74%	1.91%
Williamstown	1,425,465,400	29.64%	7,385	19.88%	24.76%
	4,809,811,500	100%	37,142	100%	100%

NORTH BERKSHIRE VOCATIONAL RSD
$7,409,281 SCHOOL BONDS
ESTIMATED DEBT SERVICE
15 YEARS

DISTRICT DEBT SCHEDULE					MUNICIPAL SHARE Based on FY26 Capital Apportionment								
REPAY YEAR	PRINCIPAL OUTSTANDING	PRINCIPAL PAYMENT	ESTIMATED BOND INTEREST (3.75%)	TOTAL DEBT SERVICE	Adams 18.97%	Cheshire 8.96%	Clarksburg 3.89%	Florida 3.02%	Lanesborough 10.33%	Monroe 0.51%	North Adams 27.65%	Savoy 1.91%	Williamstown 24.76%
0	$7,409,281			$0	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
FY28	$6,915,329	$493,952	$277,848	$771,800	$146,410	$69,153	$30,023	$23,308	$79,727	$3,936	$213,403	$14,741	$191,098
FY29	$6,421,377	$493,952	$259,325	$753,277	$142,897	$67,494	$29,302	$22,749	$77,814	$3,842	$208,281	$14,388	$186,511
FY30	$5,927,425	$493,952	$240,802	$734,754	$139,383	$65,834	$28,582	$22,190	$75,900	$3,747	$203,159	$14,034	$181,925
FY31	$5,433,473	$493,952	$222,278	$716,230	$135,869	$64,174	$27,861	$21,630	$73,987	$3,653	$198,038	$13,680	$177,339
FY32	$4,939,521	$493,952	$203,755	$697,707	$132,355	$62,515	$27,141	$21,071	$72,073	$3,558	$192,916	$13,326	$172,752
FY33	$4,445,569	$493,952	$185,232	$679,184	$128,841	$60,855	$26,420	$20,511	$70,160	$3,464	$187,794	$12,972	$168,166
FY34	$3,951,617	$493,952	$166,709	$660,661	$125,327	$59,195	$25,700	$19,952	$68,246	$3,369	$182,673	$12,619	$163,580
FY35	$3,457,664	$493,952	$148,186	$642,138	$121,814	$57,536	$24,979	$19,393	$66,333	$3,275	$177,551	$12,265	$158,993
FY36	$2,963,712	$493,952	$129,662	$623,614	$118,300	$55,876	$24,259	$18,833	$64,419	$3,180	$172,429	$11,911	$154,407
FY37	$2,469,760	$493,952	$111,139	$605,091	$114,786	$54,216	$23,538	$18,274	$62,506	$3,086	$167,308	$11,557	$149,821
FY38	$1,975,808	$493,952	$92,616	$586,568	$111,272	$52,557	$22,817	$17,714	$60,592	$2,991	$162,186	$11,203	$145,234
FY39	$1,481,856	$493,952	$74,093	$568,045	$107,758	$50,897	$22,097	$17,155	$58,679	$2,897	$157,064	$10,850	$140,648
FY40	$987,904	$493,952	$55,570	$549,522	$104,244	$49,237	$21,376	$16,596	$56,766	$2,803	$151,943	$10,496	$136,062
FY41	$493,952	$493,952	$37,046	$530,998	$100,730	$47,577	$20,656	$16,036	$54,852	$2,708	$146,821	$10,142	$131,475
FY42	($0)	$493,952	$18,523	$512,475	$97,217	$45,918	$19,935	$15,477	$52,939	$2,614	$141,699	$9,788	$126,889
		$7,409,281	2,222,784	$9,632,065	$1,827,203	$863,033	$374,687	$290,888	$994,992	$49,124	$2,663,266	$183,972	$2,384,899

Total project costs = $16,779,269
District share (TPB Less MTFG) = $7,409,281

TPB	$ 16,779,269.00
MTFG	$ (9,369,988.00)
	$ 7,409,281.00

Northern Berkshire Vocational RSD
FY27 Interest Only
Estimated Payments

	Based on FY26 Capital Apportionment									
	Short - Term Interest Only	Adams 18.97%	Cheshire 8.96%	Clarksburg 3.89%	Florida 3.02%	Lanesborough 10.33%	Monroe 0.51%	North Adams 27.65%	Savoy 1.91%	Williamstown 24.76%
FY27	$ 296,371	$ 56,222	$ 26,555	$ 11,529	$ 8,950	$ 30,615	$ 1,511	$ 81,947	$ 5,661	$ 73,382

Total project costs = $16,779,269
District share (TPB Less MTFG) = $7,409,281

FY27 Short term Interest only at 4% $ 296,371.24

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MSBA OKs McCann, Monument School Projects

Staff Reports
04:06PM / Wednesday, August 27, 2025

NORTH ADAMS, Mass. — Two high schools in Berkshire County were approved funding for projects by the Massachusetts School Building Authority board on Wednesday.

McCann Technical School has been approved for a $17 million project to update the 63-year-old school's roof, windows and doors, and Monument Mountain Regional High School for a new $152 million school.

Last year, McCann Tech was invited to participate in the MSBA's accelerated repair program to address its 30-year-old roof and original single-pane windows. The MSBA board voted for a maximum facilities grant of $9,369,988 for the project.

The total cost is set at $16,779,269.

The board voted in favor of $46,042,376 total in accelerated repair grants for 10 schools, mostly for roof replacements, and $98,175,900 for construction projects.

"The Accelerated Repair Program allows us to make critical repairs to more schools in less time," said State Treasurer Deborah B. Goldberg, chair of the MSBA board. "By improving the learning environment for our children, the program also makes schools more energy efficient and generates significant cost savings."

The main goals of the program are to improve learning environments for children and teachers, reduce energy use, and generate cost savings for districts.

"The MSBA continues to partner with Massachusetts communities in the ongoing work of upgrading their public schools," Executive Director and Deputy CEO Mary Pichetti said. "These improvements to school facilities can only enhance students' ability to excel in the classroom."

MSBA approved a project scope of $152,067,064 for a new Monument, with a reimbursement of $59,983,492 and another $1.6 million from Mass SAVE. The three towns that make up the Berkshire Hills Regional School District will vote on a debt exclusion for their $89 million share of the project on Nov. 4.

"Upon completion, this project will provide a new 21st century learning environment for students in the Berkshire Hills Regional School District," Goldberg said. "Our goal is to create the best space to deliver the district's educational commitments and goals."

The proposed project would replace the existing high school with a new facility serving students in Grades 9-12. The district had identified in its Statement of Interest numerous deficiencies in the existing facility, including outdated mechanical, electrical, and plumbing systems; issues with the building envelope, windows, and roof; and a lack of accessibility compliance. The Statement of Interest also noted that existing facility does not support the delivery of the district's educational program.

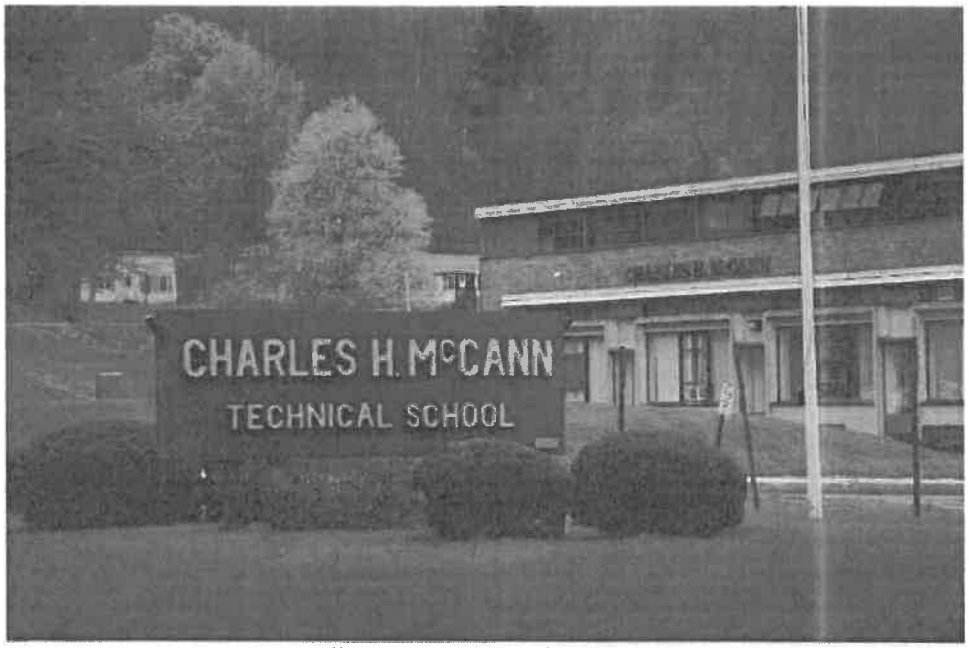
The new school would be three stories and 140,500 square feet to accommodate an enrollment of 485 students. It will be built to the west of the existing school, which would be demolished when the new one opens.

Great Barrington, Stockbridge, and West Stockbridge have twice rejected projects for the 1968 school, including a $51 million renovation of Monument in 2014. The district has been trying to get a renovation/construction project off the ground since 2010.

The board also approved $789,107,687 in preferred schematic design plans for two high schools — Martha's Vineyard and Salem.

McCann Tech gets state funding commitment for 64 percent of proposed roof and window replacements

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The Massachusetts School Building Authority has approved funding 64 percent of $16.7 million in proposed improvements at McCann Tech, including replacing its roof and aged single-pane windows.

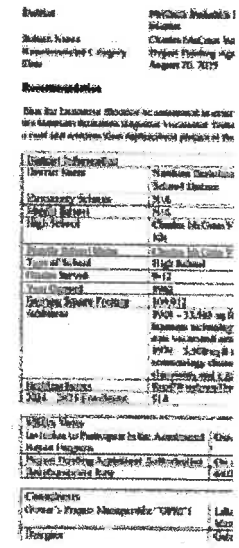
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NORTH ADAMS — The plans are in place. The commitment for state funding has been secured.

Now, for McCann Technical School to get the new roof and windows it needs to make the 63-year-old school building more energy-efficient, accessible and safer, the next steps are up to the Northern Berkshire Regional Vocational School Committee and the district's nine member communities.

On Wednesday, the Massachusetts School Building Authority Board of Directors approved up to $9.8 million in funding — 64 percent of the cost — to the project under the authority's Accelerated Repair Program. The district's nine communities will be asked to fund the remaining $7.4 million of the $16.7 million project cost.

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If voters in the district's cities and towns approve funding that remaining 36 percent, work would begin in late spring or summer of next year.

District Superintendent James Brosnan says the work is needed. According to Brosnan, McCann's membrane roof is 29 years old and has reached the end of its useful life. The building's single-pane windows, original equipment when it was built in 1962, are the very opposite of energy efficient, and pose a health and safety hazard because they are not made of safety glass.

Several doors would also be replaced as part of the project to bring the building into compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, Brosnan said.

"An entire wall of a corridor [at McCann] is glass frame. You can see rotting at the bottom ... we have leakage at the bottom and leaks in the roof. All of that is damaging the infrastructure and equipment we have," Brosnan said.

Thanks to leaks in the roof, moisture has gotten into the building's insulation, further diminishing its energy efficiency.

The next step will come when the regional district's school committee meets Wednesday at McCann Tech and considers formally authorizing the project. After that, the district will turn to its member communities — Adams, Cheshire, Clarksburg, Florida, Lanesborough, Monroe, North Adams, Savoy and Williamstown — to approve borrowing.

Brosnan said the district's bylaws lay out what percentage each community would be expected to pay to fund the project. For the work to move forward, each and every one of those nine communities must approve.

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That said, according to Brosnan, 24 of the last 26 accelerated repair projects approved by the School Building Authority have come in under budget. "So we're optimistic as we plan out and go forward" that the repairs will come in under budget, he said.

McCann's recent requests for borrowing have been few and far between, Brosnan noted. Most recently, the district's voters supported a $1.2 million bond for a roof replacement in 1996, and borrowing $750,000 in 2010 to update the school gymnasium.



In 2024, the district unveiled a new HVAC learning building at McCann Technical School in North Adams.

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The district built its brand-new, first-in-the-county heating, ventilation and cooling classroom building and lab for $3.1 million last year. The project was funded with state dollars and the district furnished the new building on its own.

"We've done the same thing expanding parking and renovating the facility's HVAC systems," he added.