

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION PLANNING COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 13, 2020 IN THE HUMISTON BOARD ROOM**

Committee Members Present: Kathryn Hallen, Andrew Martelli, Timothy White,

Other Board of Education Members: Adam Grippo, Faith Ham, Anne Harrigan

Other Attendees Present: Jeffrey Solan, Superintendent of Schools
Vincent Masciana, Chief Operating Officer

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Martelli called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

2. Audience

None.

3. Approval of Capital Expenditure Plan and Annual Budget for 2020-21 to 2024-25

Mr. Masciana distributed and reviewed the proposed Five Year Capital Expenditure Plan totaling \$25,787,500 with \$585,000 proposed for 2020-21. He explained that the \$585,000 requested for 2020-21 is relatively small compared to prior years because \$3,545,000 of capital projects were just approved in August of 2019. The reason that a new Capital Expenditure Plan is being developed at this time is because the Town Council desires to have the approval of the Capital Plan coincide with the approval of the operating budget in April this year and years forward. As Mr. Masciana reviewed the components of the plan, questions were asked and answered.

MOTION by Mr. White, seconded by Ms. Hallen.

***MOVED** That the Planning Committee recommends to the Cheshire Board of Education, the approval of the Five Year Capital Expenditure Plan for Improvements to Current Buildings, in the total amount of \$25,787,500, with annual allocations as follows:*

2020-21 - \$585,000
2021-22 - \$7,240,000
2022-23 - \$5,150,000
2023-24 - \$8,325,000
2024-25 - \$4,487,500

VOTE: The Motion passed unanimously.

4. Approved Capital Projects Update

- CHS Interior Code Compliance Improvements.

Mr. Masciana advised the Committee that the State of Connecticut Department of Administrative Services has approved the final plans for the Interior Code Compliance Improvement Project at Cheshire High School. He distributed a copy of the approval letter dated February 10, 2020. This scope of the project is to make the needed improvements to approximately 160 doors, doorknobs and entryways leading into the

classrooms and other interior spaces to make them ADA compliant. The next steps are to obtain approval of the specifications and design from the Public Building Commission (PBC) and Town Council by mid-March so that the project can go to public bid for summer completion.

- **Building Committee Assignments for 2019-20 Approved Projects.**

Mr. Masciana provided a copy of the 2019-20 Approved Capital Projects for the Town and the Schools that detailed which projects were assigned to the PBC. It was explained that the school projects that were not assigned to the PBC would be completed by school staff and under the ultimate direction of the Board of Education's Planning Committee. Mr. Martelli asked if the document could be updated to more clearly show the school projects that were assigned to the Board of Education for completion.

5. Solar Energy

Mr. White led a discussion on potential solar energy projects that could be completed for the schools that would save both energy and money. He explained that there is a need to pursue this initiative as soon as possible since the funding that is provided through the Zero Emission Renewal Energy Credit (ZREC) program by Eversource is time-sensitive and funding may not be available for much longer. In the discussion that ensued, it was agreed that in order to move the initiative along, assistance from the ECG Group would be helpful. ECG served as the Owner's Representative on the \$10.2M Energy Performance Contract project. They also provided consulting assistance to the Town with the solar landfill installation and solar carport projects more recently. The Committee asked Mr. Masciana to arrange for a meeting as soon as is reasonably possible.

6. Education Vision for Modernized Schools

Mr. Solan made a presentation of the Education Vision for Modernized Schools. He highlighted core components of our strategic plan including the Vision of the Graduate and Cheshire School's Performance Standards and shared his thoughts on what the Future Learning Environment could require. Mr. Grippo explained that in recent years the State of Connecticut has invested \$2 billion in its community colleges and suggested that we explore visiting their campuses for good examples of how modern classrooms are designed.

7. Adjournment

On a motion by Ms. Hallen which was seconded by White, the meeting was adjourned by a unanimous vote at 8:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Attest:

Vincent J. Masciana
Chief Operating Officer

Carol Jesensky, Executive Assistant

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