

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD VIRTUALLY ON JANUARY 11, 2021 AT 6:00 PM**

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

Board Member Present as Audience: Faith Ham, Anne Harrigan, Anthony Perugini, Adam Grippio

Additional Attendees Present: Vincent Masciana, Chief Operating Officer
Jeffrey Solan, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools
Richard Clavet – Facilities Manager
Daniel Bombero – Town Project Manager

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CALL TO ORDER

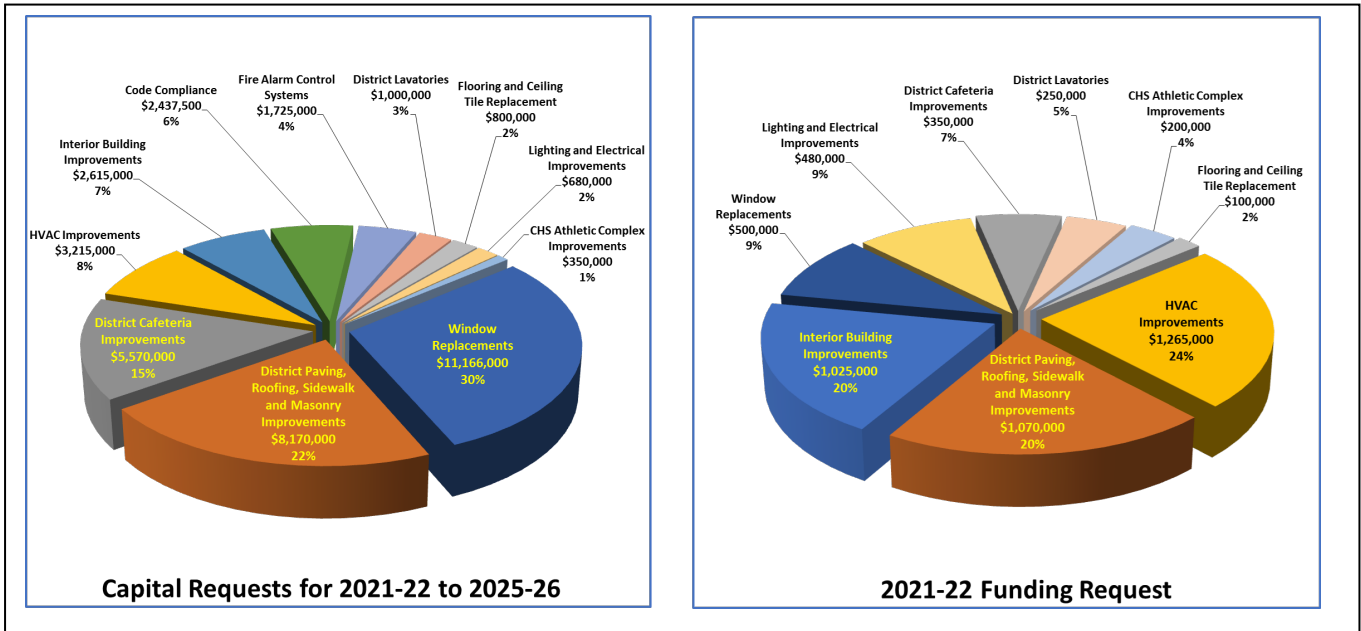
Mr. Martelli called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

AUDIENCE

Mr. Masciana reported that there were no questions or comments received.

REVIEW OF 2021-22 CAPITAL EXPENDITURE PLAN AND BUDGET

Mr. Martelli asked Mr. Masciana to begin the review and share his presentation on the screen. Mr. Masciana explained that the Capital Expenditure Plan and Budget being presented is the first pass and will need to be approved by the Planning Committee and the Board of Education during the same timeline as the Operating Budget. He reviewed the proposed Five-Year Capital Expenditure Plan totaling \$37,728,500 with \$5,240,000 proposed for the 2021-22 school year. He explained that the overall five-year plan is an increase over prior years partially because the estimated costs of the requests for window and roof replacements projects that were included in prior year plans needed to be increased to reflect current costs, but also because new maintenance projects needed to be added such as the replacement of the older Fire Alarm Control Systems at three schools totaling \$1,725,000. He showed a comparison of the prior year plan and the proposed plan. A summary of the requests that were presented and discussed are as follows:



Included in the discussion that ensued, after the presentation of the plan, was an acknowledgment that the Town's School Modernization Committee (SMC) will be making their recommendations for school improvements in the near future, and there was concern over the approval of the overall cost and bonding of the 2021-22 Capital Plan as presented.

The Planning Committee decided not to take any formal action on the Five-Year Capital Expenditure Plan and asked Mr. Masciana to provide additional information including an alternative that would reduce the first year funding commitment. Mr. Masciana stated that he would rework the first year and successive years of the plan and circulate it to the Committee members as soon as it is completed. A follow-up meeting would then be scheduled.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Mr. White, which was seconded by Ms. Hallen, the meeting was adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Attest:

Vincent J. Masciana
Chief Operating Officer

Carol Jesensky, Executive Assistant

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