

**MINUTES - BOARD OF EDUCATION PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD VIRTUALLY ON FEBRUARY 13, 2023**

Planning Committee Members Present: Andrew Martelli, Timothy White, Samantha Rosenberg

Additional Attendees Present: Vincent Masciana - Chief Operating Officer
Richard Clavet – Director of Facilities Services
Dan Bombero – Project Manager

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Martelli called the meeting to order at 6:38 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

AUDIENCE

No members of the public were present nor were there any questions or comments received.

REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF 2023-24 to 2027-28 CAPITAL BUDGET

Mr. Masciana distributed a document package with the Capital Expenditure Plan and Budget requests that are being recommended for the 5 year period from 2023-24 to 2027-28. The 5 year request totaled \$52,825,500 with annual requests as shown below. He noted that the requests are for items needed to maintain our existing buildings with the highest dollar amounts being requested for HVAC Improvements, Window Replacements, Paving and Roofing, Cafeteria Improvements, Interior and Exterior Building Improvements, and Fire Alarm Control Systems. He also noted the requests exclude capital funding for Chapman, Norton and Darcey since those buildings will be taken offline in August of 2026 when the two new elementary schools are built in accordance with the Next Generation Phase 1 Plan that was approved and is underway. There are also no capital requests for Central Office/Humison.

- 2023-24 - \$9,545,000
- 2024-25 - \$11,445,000
- 2025-26 - \$9,175,000
- 2026-27 - \$9,260,000
- 2027-28 - \$13,400,000

The Committee then reviewed and discussed each of the capital budget requests in detail beginning with the requests for 2023-24 for which funding approval is needed. (Requests for years 2 through 5 are not funded but are placed in line for funding in their respective funding years).

Questions were asked and answered with respect to the merits of each of the specific requests, the Town's referendum requirements and the potential grant availability for HVAC and other projects. Also discussed was the dilemma of making capital investments such as replacing the aged and failing Park Place boilers at Dodd, in particular, if that building is going to be looked at closely for renovation or replacement when Phase 2 of the Next Generation School Plan is considered. Over the course of the meeting, the Committee made decisions on which requests should stay in the 2023-24 funding year or moved to future years or removed from the plan. As the discussions proceeded, Mr. Masciana incorporated the changes into the 5 Year Capital Budget worksheet that was being displayed on the virtual screen. The Committee continued discussions until they reached a consensus.

MOTION by Mr. Martelli, seconded by Mr. White

MOVED *That the Planning Committee recommends to the Cheshire Board of Education, the approval of the Five Year Capital Expenditure Plan and Budget for Improvements to Current Buildings, in the total amount of \$52,320,000 with \$3,790,000 to be funded in Year 1 and with annual allocations as follows:*

2023-24 - \$3,790,000
2024-25 - \$14,595,000
2025-26 - \$16,700,000
2026-27 - \$9,310,000
2027-28 - \$7,925,000

VOTE: The Motion passed unanimously.

APPROVED CAPITAL PROJECTS – QUICK UPDATE

Mr. Masciana provided a brief update as he presented on the virtual screen a list of the various projects and bids that are currently in process.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Mr. White, which was seconded by Ms. Rosenberg, the meeting was adjourned at 8:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Attest:

Vincent J. Masciana
Chief Operating Officer

Carol Jesensky, Executive Assistant

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