

**MINUTES - BOARD OF EDUCATION PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT DODD MIDDLE SCHOOL ON JANUARY 30, 2025**

Planning Committee Members Present: Mark Ecke, Samantha Rosenberg
Committee Members Absent: Tim White
Additional Attendees Present: Anne Marie Cullinan, Board of Education
Richard Clavet, Director of Facilities Services
Vincent Masciana, Chief Operating Officer
Emily Taylor, Assistant Chief Operating Officer

CALL TO ORDER

Mark Ecke called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

AUDIENCE

No members of the public were present; there were no questions or comments received by email.

REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF 2025-26 to 2029-30 CAPITAL BUDGET

Emily Taylor distributed preliminary draft worksheets of the Capital Expenditure Plan and Budget requests for the five-year period from 2025-26 to 2029-30. The Committee reviewed capital requests, with particular emphasis on the first-year proposals.

The five-year requests totaled \$62,625,000. Ms. Taylor reviewed the worksheets explaining that there were three options for the first year expenditures. One that included all recommended improvements in Year 1, and alternate scenarios with just medium/high items prioritized, and one that included only the high-priority items in Year 1. The scenario that included all recommended items had annual requests as shown below:

- 2025-2026- \$ 7,715,000
- 2026-2027- \$14,250,000
- 2027-2028- \$12,885,000
- 2028-2029- \$12,850,000
- 2029-2030- \$14,925,000

The capital requests, with particular emphasis on first year proposals, were reviewed by the Committee with Emily Taylor, Rich Clavet, and Vincent Masciana providing relevant details-including answers to questions asked by the Committee members. Upon further consideration after discussion the Committee opted for the scenario that included just high priority items in Year 1 with the addition of \$500,000 for improvements needed at the Maclary Athletic Complex to be moved into the high priority category from the medium priority category.

MOTION by Mr. Ecke, seconded by Ms. Rosenberg

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 \$62,625,000 with \$5.04M to be funded in Year 1 and with annual allocations as follows:

- o 2025-2026- \$5,040,000
- o 2026-2027- \$12,200,000
- o 2027-2028- \$16,895,000
- o 2028-2029- \$13,115,000
- o 2029-2030- \$15,375,000

VOTE: The Motion passed unanimously.

UPDATE ON ENERGIA AND ENERGY PERFORMANCE CONTRACT 2.0

Vincent Masciana distributed the presentation “Evaluation of EPC Proposals for the Town of Cheshire” and updated the committee regarding the agreement with Energia to provide a no-cost feasibility review of our buildings and infrastructure improvement. The presentation reviewed the three vendors that responded to the RFP-Ameresco, Johnson Controls, and Honeywell. Vincent Masciana responded to questions from the committee. Vincent Masicana explained that a referendum was not required because the contract would be a lease agreement. The next steps for the contract are to form a working group composed of members of the Town Council, Board of Education, and Town Energy Commission and internal staff as well as interviewing the three vendors at the end of February.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Mark Ecke, seconded by Samantha Rosenberg and approved unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Attest:

Vincent J. Masciana
Chief Operating Officer

Carol Jesensky, Executive Assistant

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