

DUDLEY-CHARLTON REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Meeting of the Capital and Safety Subcommittee

Friday, June 3, 2022 @ 11:15 a.m.

Via Video Conferencing

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**MEETING MINUTES**

1. Open and Welcome

The meeting was called to order at 11:19 AM. Two new committee members were introduced, Jeanne Costello and Kelly Szela.

2. Capital Plan – Review of Phase I

Rich gave an overview of what the committee has been working on in terms of capital needs. The District has been discussing capital needs for 18 months. There have been no capital investments since the late 1990's and early 2000's, when the opening of the two new middle schools and renovations at Charlton Elementary School and Heritage School, as well as the field project and the replacement of windows and doors at Shepherd Hill were completed. It was determined that the operational override will not replace the current capital needs of the District. The removal of bleachers from the capital needs projects and proceed with the replacement of roofs, fire panels, and safety cameras and video infrastructure at various schools was the best course of action as determined by an informational study. Mr. David Eisenthal of Unibank Fiscal Advisory Services provided the financial information of the overall costs for the projects.

In the event of an emergency, digital platforms will allow access by local public safety departments. Over the air radios will have a line dedicated to local public safety departments, which will include a 911 channel and emergency operations channel. Camera upgrades and software tools will make it easy to access information by logging for viewing. This is well worth the investment.

Jamie Terry added that the Safety and Capital Committees were operating separately but have now been combined. Some accomplishments included privacy screen in the cafeteria at Heritage School and Dudley Middle School. Forward thinking made solid progress on this project.

Kelly Szela asked about the predicted cost of the capital plan. The attachment, "Phase I – Priority Capital Needs", addresses this question in detail, showing the revised cost estimate to each of the member towns.

3. Public Meetings and Presentations – Schedule

The committee agreed that notifications to the public will be sent through social media, Board of Selectmen. It was suggested by Jamie Terry that a Dudley member be invited to become a member of the committee.

Planned Meeting Dates:

June 15 – Charlton Board of Selectmen

June 14 – Meeting with Dudley. This is the Board of Selectmen regularly scheduled meeting.

Rich will check availability of all school committee members for these dates. A vote will be taken at the School Committee's June 8<sup>th</sup> meeting. Rich may not be able to attend the June 14 and June 15 meetings due to an Advisory Board Meeting of the MCPPO on these dates.

Proposed Public Meetings for the proposed capital project:

June 21

June 28

Jeanne Costello stated that it is a good idea to have a meeting in each community at two different locations and times. The committee also agreed.

Jamie Terry suggested that the meeting dates should be posted on social media, both town halls, Charlton Happenings, school newsletters and Stonebridge Press.

Mr. Lamarche asked that all information concerning the meeting be included in the current attached document. A PowerPoint presentation on the capital planning project will be available. A roofing expert will be present to answer questions and describe the condition of our roofs, type of construction, and cost of replacement. The architect will also be present. The goal is to secure a spot for the summer of 2023.

#### 4. MSBA

Google calendar invites were sent out to the BFSC Committee, town administrators, principals, Town administrators, Finance Committees, Boards of Selectmen, for a MSBA Roundtable Discussion on Funding A School Building Project.

Mr. Daren Ellwell, the new principal at Shepherd Hill, has experience with the MSBA and building a new school from the previous school district he comes from. The goal is to meet all requirements of the MSBA.

Phase I Capital Project Feasibility Study –Fall 2022. The feasibility study is reimbursable at the rate determined by the MSBA.

MSBA – SHRHS – Winter 2022

Town Override – Spring 2023

Finances for Total Project – During Budget time

School Committee – June 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting – Approve the debt for election to authorize debt.

September 2023 – Another meeting in each town. Feasibility study.

Rich will contact Mr. Eisenthal to reserve the public meeting dates for his presentation to the Towns.

#### 5. Future Agenda Items

Not discussed.

#### 6. Open Session for Topics not Reasonably Anticipated 48 Hours in Advance of the Meeting

Not discussed.

#### 7. Adjourn

The motion to adjourn was made by K Szela and seconded by Jeanne Costello at 11:50 AM. All members were in favor.