



# Framingham Public Schools

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### SC FACILITIES SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

Fuller Middle School

Buildings and Grounds Office

June 13, 2018

4:00 PM

#### Members Present:

Richard Finlay, Chair  
Tiffanie Maskell  
Dr. Ed Gotgart  
Carol Brodeur

Adam Freudberg  
Noval Alexander  
Matt Torti

Chairman Finlay called the meeting to order at 4:15 p.m.

#### Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Noval Alexander to vote to approve the minutes from the February 28, 2018 meeting. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tiffanie Maskell. All in Favor. Motion Carried

Discussion: Tiffanie asked for the spelling of her name to be corrected.

#### Space Utilization

Dr. Gotgart spoke about MassBay's current lease ending in June 2019, but they are looking to extend their lease until 2023, instead of 2021 as originally planned. MassBay presented a plan where they would slowly vacate space over the next four or five years. Adam clarified that this is due to their estimated move in date at the new facility beginning in 2023, due to the moving timeline regarding the state capital funding they are expecting. Ricky asked if they are looking to just keep the radiology program, to which Dr. Gotgart responded that this is unclear, it seems that they are asking for more space than first led to believe. Matt spoke about how they are now open to the demolition in the locker room areas to begin until 2023, this demolition is scheduled to start building the new Building and Grounds area as approved by the School Committee and City Council. This work will need to happen prior to that. We want to accommodate MassBay but need to also support the school district's space needs. After a few more summer meetings, we will need to sit down with everyone including the city officials. MassBay currently pays all their utilities and do their own maintenance, this will change if they downsize as well as when they move out of the building.

Adult ESL classes and administrative space will be going into that building, so that specific floor plan will need to be developed in greater detail. A lot of what is needed space wise is dependent on many things in the future including the vote on the Fuller project. Adam spoke to Dr. Tremblay's goal in future to have a task force to look at long term enrollment projection and facilities plan. Dr. Gotgart said if the vote on the Fuller project fails, we would need to be looking at using the Farley building due to the repairs needed on Fuller. The roof alone is estimated at four million to replace. Overall if we renovate Farley instead of the current plan to rebuild Fuller, we would be spending close to the same amount of city funding, without the \$40 million in state funding, and would be upgrading a decades old building versus new construction. Ricky brought up the need to find a space for Technology Department as well. Dr. Gotgart and Matt are meeting with them again soon to continue the conversation. A lease has to be signed and approved by the School Committee before it expires in June 2019. Thatcher Kezer is the likely city representative for the lease discussion.

### **Large Capital Projects**

Matt spoke about the city supporting all the projects recommended by the CFO. There are still six projects that are deferred and will be carried forward and need to look at prioritizing those. Carol is working on making sure contracts, insurance certificates and bids are happening ahead of time. Now need to identify funding source in order to execute projects. Carol sent an email to the city accountant today in regards to this. The projects that would like to start as soon as possible include the Barbieri bathrooms, Masonry Repointing at Stapleton and gym floors, hoping to get these in motion by June 26th. City Council wants the next list of capital projects by September, so need to look at the list and figure out what our needs are and prioritize. Currently we are just sustaining instead of improving with funding that is approved every year. We need to gather backup data and present it to City Council to show the need and priority of the projects for funding to be able to improve and maintain the buildings for safety, health and security of the students and staff. Matt stated we need to pick up the pace, school replacement doing a major renovation every four years. Adam asked about getting data on temperatures in the High School and McCarthy to show why air conditioning is needed, so we have data in case we seek to request funding for those projects in addition to the existing list of priorities. Matt spoke about 7 roofs that are under repair in order to extend a warranty on the building. Once the warranties on the other buildings reach their useful life, we will need to submit an S.O.I. to the MSBA.

Matt spoke on how many vehicles are take home vehicles. The Maintenance Foreman is the only one that takes the vehicle home as he is on call 24/7. We now have a Custodial Manager who offers support for the night crews and gained other staff as well and they are great at what they do. They are setting up a tent at Metro Fest regarding the Fuller School Building project and are trying to provide information on the plan, community forum, and website in order to educate the community about the process. There is information on it in every school lobby as well, and have information at school many upcoming school events. Adam spoke to October 3rd's School Committee meeting on the long term agenda having a spot for Capital Budget and Facilities projects. Adam also spoke to working with the Digital Infrastructure Subcommittee chaired by Noval Alexander on getting free Wi-Fi in the school for after hours for people to be able to use, to be discussed further.

**Noval Alexander made a motion to adjourn at p.m., 2<sup>nd</sup> by Adam Freudberg. All in Favor. Motion carried**