



Framingham PUBLIC SCHOOLS School Committee

Building and Grounds Subcommittee

Remote

March 10, 2022 @ 4:30 p.m.

Open Meeting Minutes

PRESENT: Richard A. Finlay, Valerie Ottaviani, Jessica Barnhill, William LaBarge

ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Executive Director of Finance and Operations Lincoln Lynch, Director of Building and Grounds Matthew Torti, Assistant Director of Building and Grounds Thomas Begin, Executive Assistant to the School Committee Joanna Hastry

Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m., noted all in attendance, and said that the meeting was being held remotely, was being broadcast live on Facebook, and was also being recorded. He noted how to participate in public comment.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Discussion on Building and Grounds Goals for 2022

The Chair said that a decision on goals does not have to happen tonight and instead can be a review of the past goals. Ms. Barnhill suggested adding a goal for the purchase of the Bethany Property and building a southside school. Director of Building and Grounds Matt Torti suggested discussing goals further at the next meeting as they have new information to share that may impact goals.

Motion: To hold off on approving goals until the subcommittee has further information.

Moved: Ms. Barnhill **Seconded:** Mr. LaBarge **Roll Call Vote:** Unanimous (4-0-0)
(Yes: Finlay, Ottaviani, Barnhill, LaBarge)

Review of FY23 Capital Budget Submission

Assistant Director of Building and Grounds Thomas Begin shared a presentation on the Capital Budget submission including the FY23 Capital Budget Proposal review, proposal review with escalation, and information on the projects including the Farley Building roof replacement, exterior envelope improvements, roof repairs/replacement, paving and stormwater improvements, ADA compliance upgrades, asbestos abatement, security upgrades/improvements, and Farley generator installation. He noted that the project costs were from July 2021 and since then there has been greater inflation and higher shipping costs.

Executive Director of Finance and Operations Lincoln Lynch, in response to a question from Mr. Finlay, said that they have met with the City's CFO with a revised request that includes the

escalation and once this is reviewed by the City they will provide a number of what has been approved and reductions may have to be made. There was discussion on roof warranties; their length, and what they cover. There was discussion on looking at other school buildings for solar and Mr. Torti noted that part of any roof requests is to include engineering and structural evaluations for the possible addition of solar.

Review of Current Projects in Queue

Mr. Begin shared the project tracking chart that included all projects, funding year, funding source, project estimated costs and action, as well as gave updates on the projects. Members asked why there was a difference in pricing with playgrounds between schools and spoke to community builds with previous playgrounds. Mr. Begin said the pricing difference has to do with the size of the playground, what is currently there, and what can be installed. He said that there is a tight turnaround for the playground projects that are listed, but with future projects they could look at components they could identify to be community builds. Mr. Torti noted that the chart is tracking 60 or so projects, they are taking on more and more each year, and most have to be completed over summer months and coordinated with summer programs.

Recap of SOI Submissions

An update was given regarding the MSBA SOI Submissions for the Dunning and Potter Road roof replacements that the School Committee voted to resubmit. The update included that this will be reviewed by the City Council on the 15th and then will be submitted to the MSBA by March 25th. It was noted that it can take awhile to hear back from MSBA. Discussion on having the Southside school submission focus on the need for a new elementary school and the property at Bethany instead of the past submission which focused on the Hemenway Elementary School. Discussion on future meetings to discuss strengthening the application.

Discussion of Letter Sent to City Council From School Committee to Review Possibility of Purchasing Bethany Property

Discussion was held regarding that the letter was sent for the possible purchase and will be on the agenda for the Joint Meeting with the City Council on the 29th.

Discussion of Chapter 70 Funding Increase in FY23 Budget

Mr. Lynch said that there was a Chapter 70 increase of 20%, \$11.8 million, which is a significant increase and they are looking into the process and possibility of using some of the Chapter 70 funds for some capital expenditures.

Approval of Minutes

Motion: To approve the minutes of August 21, 2021.

Moved: Mr. LaBarge

Seconded: Ms. Barnhill

Roll Call Vote: 3-0-1

(Yes: Finlay, Ottaviani, Barnhill. Abstained: LaBarge)

Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn.

Moved: Mr. LaBarge

Seconded: Ms. Barnhill

Roll Call Vote: Unanimous (4-0-0)

(Yes: Finlay, Ottaviani, Barnhill, LaBarge)

Meeting adjourned at 5:51 p.m.

Meeting Materials

Agenda

Building and Grounds Specific School Committee Goals 2021

Project Tracking Chart

Capital Budget Presentation

Memo to the City Council Regarding Farley Roof Request

Draft August 21, 2021 Minutes

These minutes were approved by the Framingham School Committee's Building and Grounds Subcommittee in Open Session on September 8, 2022.

These minutes were sent to the City of Framingham for posting on September 9, 2022.