

Finance Subcommittee (of the School Committee)
9/24/21
Minutes

Jeanne Downs, chair
Ellen Grieco
Omar Easy, Superintendent
Ellen Whittemore, Director of Finance and Operations

Jeanne called the meeting to order at 11:45 am and noted it was being recorded by Waycam. The following items were discussed:

Public Comment

None.

FY23 Capital Budget

Ellen W. reported that she met with Pat Morris, Director of Facilities, to discuss what capital projects, particularly those at the elementary schools, could be pushed out. She also noted that projects like tiling at the various schools will be bundled. A draft FY23 capital budget will be reviewed at the October 4th meeting.

Capital Project Update

Dr. Easy reported that the town plans to start the Claypit Hill playground work on October 4th. The playground will be closed for four weeks in the fall and will have chips and mats installed as the PIP (Pour In Place) will not be installed until the end of the school year. A discussion ensued about the cost of the temporary chips and mats. Dr. Easy noted that according to the Town Administrator, the additional funds required will be requested at the annual town meeting in the spring. Jeanne will confirm the plan with the Town Administrator and report back to the School Committee as this will be new information for them.

Ellen W. reported on the other outstanding capital projects. The work spaces will be installed at Claypit Hill this weekend, the Happy Hollow pipes under the chair lift will be moved tonight, and the bid advertisement for the elementary storage is "on the street". Work on the fire alarm at the high school needs to be done as soon as possible per the fire chief and \$28K will be taken out of the operating budget to complete the work.

Jeanne will attend the upcoming ZBA meeting regarding Bus Parking.

Ellen W. updated the subcommittee on the bus contract which is supposed to be signed today. A discussion ensued about the location of the bus dispatcher and space for the out of town bus drivers.

Budget Calendar

This item was passed over.

Review and Approval of Minutes

This item was passed over.

Matters Not Anticipated

None.

Adjournment

Upon a motion made by Jeanne Downs and seconded by Ellen Grieco, the subcommittee voted unanimously (2-0) to adjourn at 12:20 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeanne Downs