

DUDLEY-CHARLTON REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Meeting of the Capital and School Safety Subcommittee:

Wednesday, October 18, 2023, 3:00 PM

Via video conferencing

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MEETING MINUTES

In attendance: Kelly Szela, Cathy Carmignani, Jeanne Costello, Joseph Caron, Richard Mathieu, Cheryl Kozub.

1. Call to Order - Reorganization

The meeting of the Capital and Safety Subcommittee was called to order at 3:06 p.m.

Reorganization. Cathy Carmignani made motion to elect Kelly Szela and seconded by Jeanne Costello for Chair, Cathy Carmignani made a motion to elect Jeanne Costello for Vice Chair and Kelly Szela seconded. All with unanimous approval.

2. Approval of Minutes (05/05/23)

The first motion to approve the minutes of May 5, 2023 as written was made by Kelly Szela – all in favor and seconded by Cathy Carmignani. Unanimous approval.

Meeting schedule –

3rd Wednesday at 3:00 p.m. November's meeting may be a conflict with the upcoming meetings for the Budget and Finance Subcommittee or School Committee. Therefore, November meeting date is pending.

3. Middle Schools Roof Project – Update. Joe Caron

- a. Roof – Substantial Completion has been achieved in both Dudley and Charlton. Minimal punch list. Manufacturer of roofing system came out to inspect and approved the installation. 30-year warranty now in effect. No roof leaks for several months. Did not go over budget and no change orders. Pillars installed and bricks repaired with money for built-in contingencies. Final accounting may show a few thousand dollars remaining – repurpose to repair of masonry and pillars installed. Joe Caron, installer and Towns will present at a future School Committee meeting. There was no mold remediation necessary. Ceiling tiles in each building will be replaced by custodial staff.
- b. Cameras. Rich reported that the camera costs will be finalized tomorrow. Own server with cameras feeding directly into it. Inside and outside cameras have been replaced. On budget at approximately \$12,000. Final cost will be submitted to the School Committee.
- c. Fire Panels. Updated at various schools – MRS and DES 100% complete. At DMS two loops remaining and five loops at CMS need to be completed. All loops need to be replaced. Remaining work will be completed during winter break or spring break. Our custodians, under the direction of certified electrician Brian Benoit, will be working on this project. Meeting with scope of work and go out for bid.
- d. Architectural Review.

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- i. Committee to review RFPs. RFPs for facilities condition assessment has gone live as of this morning, seeking responses for engineering and architectural firms. Eleven requests so far. A review committee needs to be formed to review and score companies from high to low. Kelly Szela has agreed to join this committee for this purpose. High quality product and under budget speaks to the quality of the team and company who completed the work. Input on bonding scheduling for bonding cost in fiscal year 2025 will be needed.

Rich commented on a meeting with Solest Energy, a solar company approved by the State under Massachusetts procurement, which can be utilized without going through another bidding process. Can rent our roof tops to them (maintenance, disposal of roof) or purchase own equipment with them. Purchase option was better than the lease option based on the numbers. If we let them use our roofs at DMS = zero out of pocket for 20-25 year price under 0.10/kwh = 52,000 per year savings. CMS = less than 0.12/kwh. In 25 years, when replacement is needed, how much it will cost and how much it will be to replace is unknown. Follow-up meeting with Solest Energy is scheduled. Solar panels move with ownership of the building. It is unknown what the savings would be long term lease vs purchase. Solar only works on new roofs. There is a new \$50M grant program for roof replacement if used for Solar for the remaining schools. Decision to be made if an application will be submitted for roof replacement.

4. Future Agenda Items.

Solar

Update on ALICE Program – Invite building principals

Shepherd Hill – Next steps

Phase II Program

5. Adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 3:44 p.m. 1st motion by J. Costello - 2nd motion by C. Carmignani. All in favor.

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7. Adjourn