

The New London Board of Education School Facilities & Program Design Committee meeting was held on January 13, 2025 in the Shaw's Cove Family Engagement Room and via Zoom Webinars.

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1. Call to Order

Ms. Hambey, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:19 p.m.

Present for the Committee: Susan Hambey – Committee Chair
Karen Bergin – Committee Member
Alisha Blake – Committee Member
Aaron Ide – Community Representative

Present for the Administration: Miguel Gautier, Jr. – Executive Director of District Operations

2. Public Comment

None.

3. Approval of the Minutes

- October 15, 2024

Motion by Ms. Blake, seconded by Ms. Bergin, to approve the October 15, 2024 minutes of the School Facilities & Program Design Committee.

Motion carried, 2-0-2
Abstaining: Mr. Ide
Ms. Bergin

4. Updates and Discussion

- Construction Updates

Mr. Gautier reported that the water founts at the high school have been repaired and currently, are all working. He is not, however, confident that they will last. When the water fountains were installed, it was during COVID and there was not a quality check completed by the company. The company will not admit that it is a problem. He shared that his expectation is when they do fail again that the best course of action would be to install a different water fountain.

- Capital Improvement Plan

Mr. Gautier reviewed the Capital Improvement Plan with the committee. This plan spans the next ten years with various capital items which will require repair or replacement, and the projected costs of all.

A copy of this report is available in its entirety upon request.

5. Executive Session Pursuant to Connecticut State Statutes: Title I, Chapter 114, Section 1-200(5), Connecticut Freedom of Information Act

Motion by Ms. Blake, seconded by Ms. Bergin, to move into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing:

- Lease for Shaw's Cove

Motion carried, 4-0

The following people were invited into Executive Session: The Committee as a Whole, Superintendent Cynthia Ritchie, Chief Financial Officer – Rob Funk, Executive Director of Operations and Facilities – Miguel Gautier.

Time into Executive Session: 6:26 p.m.

Time out of Executive Session: 6:38 p.m.

No votes were taken while in Executive Session

6. Action Following Executive Session

- Motion by Mr. Ide, seconded by Ms. Blake, to approve the lease for Shaw's Cove, and recommend it to the Full Board for approval.

Motion carried, 4-0

7. Committee Member Comments

Mr. Ide asked if the committee would receive the numbers for the final costs of the Improvement Plan. Mr. Gautier stated that he gets an estimate for the item in question, and then calculates by an increase by each year. Once a project has been completed, then it becomes updated with the actual cost.

Dr. Ritchie thanked Mr. Gautier for his work on the Capital Improvement Plan.

8. Adjournment

Motion by Ms. Hambey, seconded by Ms. Ms. Blake, to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried, 4-0

The meeting was adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristea A. Francolino
Manager of Executive Support Services