Cohasset Public Schools
143 Pond Street
Cohasset, MA 02045
Empower Students to Improve Communities

Cohasset School Committee Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, December 18, 2024
6:00 PM

In Person Participation
Learning Commons
Cohasset Middle and High School
143 Pond Street
Cohasset, MA 02025

In Attendance: Lance Dial, Vice Chair
Ted Carr, Secretary
Jennifer Lesky
Tori Hanna
Jim Willis, Coach Cohasset Boys Soccer & Division 4 State Champions
Susan Owen, Director of Finance and Operations
Mrs. Sarah Shannon, Superintendent

All School Committee Meetings Are Recorded.

AGENDA

Call to Order

Vice Chair, Lance Dial called to order the Wednesday, December 18, 2024 regular meeting for the Cohasset School Committee at 6:00 p.m. Members of the Cohasset School Committee are asked by the Vice Chair to indicate so in **Roll Call: Mrs. Lesky–Present; Mr. Carr–Present; Mr. Dial- Present; Mrs. Hanna – Present; Mr. MacLellan-Absent.**

Opening Remarks

Mr. Dial will be resuming the Chair position for tonight's meeting for which Mr. MacLellan had a conflict and can't make it. However, Mr. Dial would like to take a moment to acknowledge the terrible sad news in Madison, Wisconsin to acknowledge another school shooting situation that has taken lives of students in the academic sphere. There aren't words to describe this, and Mr. Dial would like to note on behalf of the school committee and community their hearts go out to the families of Madison, Wisconsin who were impacted in that community at large to give them hope for recovery and able to heal, this is something that impacts all school communities.

Public Comment

No public comments.

Invited Guests

- **Superintendent Student Advisory Council (SSAC) Liaison Report (Nathan Askjaer)**

Nathan Askjaer reports the Fall Sports have concluded, a lot of the teams went really far. The Girls Soccer team made it to the semifinals. Nathan is a Senior Captain on the Boys Soccer team that made it to the finals, winning Division 4 State Championship, their first ever in history and Coach Willis' first State Championship win! The Field Hockey team had a really good run, so did their Football team. A lot of the Seniors and Captains did a really good job being inclusive to their younger peers. Overall, the Fall sports ended super smoothly.

Invited Guests

- **Superintendent Student Advisory Council (SSAC) Liaison Report (Nathan Askjaer)**

Nathan, Senior at Cohasset High School, and a lot of other Seniors are hearing back from colleges and getting early decisions into their first-choice schools. Nathan says a lot is accredited to everything with the school system, how it's run, and structured with the guidance office help. The school committee is always asking students what could be better, and Nathan says everything is running pretty smoothly so far. Everyone is looking forward to the holiday break. The cafeteria food has been so good with their new chef that there's been problems with the lunch lines, but Nathan says it's a good problem to have, he's never seen kids more excited about the cafeteria food before.

Mrs. Lesky comments she's heard Nathan use the word smoothly a couple of times indicating how things are going both from the college perspective and their athletic teams that clearly went well. Happy kids learn, and relaxed kids learn and hearing Nathan's report that students are feeling happy and relaxed here at school is really important to hear, thank you.

Mr. Carr thanks Nathan for a great report and he's excited to hear the stories of the Boys' Soccer Team win, especially with the whole Boys 'Soccer team sitting right behind him, especially where they got their haircut, congratulating them all.

Invited Guests

- **Cohasset Boys Soccer Team – Division 4 State Title (Mr. Jim Willis and the Boys Soccer Team)**

Coach Willis says it's been a fantastic season, the first time Cohasset made the finals, an absolute blast of a season watching these guys grow, ending with a fantastic banquet. When you have a very good team the season ends in heartbreak, but to end the season winning the whole thing is rare, but it was fantastic!

Three Captains from the Boys Soccer Team, Ty, and Kian sit next to Nathan Askjaer and say it was an incredible season and truly a special experience. There's no better group of guys to do team bonding with, on and off the field was great. Ty says they do a team "Keep It Up" for every game, gathering in a circle, typically at the basketball courts where they all have to touch the ball while it's in the air and the last person to touch the ball wins a tournament. It's a great tradition for Cohasset and a great team bonding experience. They lost a lot of good Seniors from last year and it was cool to see a lot of the guys step up and score those goals. The three captains have been playing soccer since the 8th grade all the way to Seniors playing Soccer for Cohasset High School, it was really a dream come true! Making it into the final four was truly special on its own. Then, to go onto the State Championship was just an amazing experience. All the guys worked equally hard, they all wanted it, and they all enjoyed spending time together, everyone got along, a good group of guys, and they proved to everyone they deserve to win this year!

Nathan says the last 2-3 years the Boys Soccer team got Mullet haircuts, last year they got frosted tips and this year they all did a full bleach to their hair. Nathan says he's been really fortunate to have picked and have stepped into a really good team culture, and that's something to attribute to the coaching staff, captains before, and for Cohasset specifically. Soccer has been a strong program, with teammates playing really strong with a lot of traditions adopted and carried on, adding that extra element having their season end winning the Division 4 State Championship! Throughout their tournaments the boys' soccer team did a buddy check, calling it my "Brothers Keeper" pairing with one another person and be responsible for that person's mentality academically and socially on and off the field.

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- **Cohasset Boys Soccer Team – Division 4 State Title (Mr. Jim Willis and the Boys Soccer Team)**

Mrs. Hanna congratulates the Boys Soccer team for executing it and doing things differently in order to get over whatever it takes, it's something no one can ever take away from them. This is something they'll share for a long time to come, congratulations!

Mrs. Lesky couldn't help notice when the Boys Soccer team filed into the room, she could hear the banter between both sides of the room that really spoke to her the chemistry as a team beyond the season which indicates they actually and truly have gotten to know each other, became a team working together in addition to being State Champions, a lifelong memory. They've learned what it means to be on a team caring for people on their team that will carry these skills in life playing on and off the field. Congratulations to Coach Willis on this accomplishment.

Mr. Carr congratulates the Boys Soccer team and comments he happened to see them on the bus coming home to the Town with their State Championship win with folks in Town cheering them on, it was wonderful to see.

Mrs. Shannon says she had the good fortune of watching many of the Boy's on the Soccer team playing soccer since they were little. Seeing them able to accomplish this goal in their Senior year was really fun to watch. If anyone was going to do it, it was this group of soccer players who were going to do this with their commitment to this work since they were little. A huge congratulations to them all. This is something that nobody can ever take away from them, a memory that will last with them forever. Mrs. Shannon is glad they were able to do it and do it together.

Mr. Dial has nothing to say, it was already said by members of the school committee. Once again congratulations and thank you all for coming here tonight.

Superintendent Updates (Mrs. Sarah Shannon)

- **Superintendent Update**

The last couple of weeks they've had a lot going on in the district and there's a lot to celebrate. Mrs. Shannon would like to first thank the Town at the Special Town Meeting held last Monday night. The Cohasset Public Schools were approved for the School Stabilization Fund of $115,000 appropriated for the MSBA accelerated repair program for the Joseph Osgood School roof repair. Approved of $1.43 million dollars for the fire alarm system at Cohasset Middle School and Cohasset High School. At the Special Town Meeting somebody in the community asked about why the schools were appropriating this kind of money for something at the Middle School and High School when they're also trying to do a new building which was really a good question to ask. Mrs. Shannon would just like to reiterate the reason they're doing this is because they're probably looking at a good seven plus years out for a new building and their fire alarm system is not going to last that long. Without a fire alarm system that isn't working they can't occupy the school building facility. This was really an essential need to repair the fire alarm system over the summer so that they can continue to occupy the building until potentially getting a new facility.

The CPC requested a vote for $50,000 to upgrade the baseball field at Milliken, this was a Town request and is definitely something that benefits the High School baseball team. This has a really good impact on the schools as well, this was a great night for the schools and for the Town of Cohasset.

Superintendent Updates (Mrs. Sarah Shannon)

- **Superintendent Update**

The Cohasset Public Schools also had some really great METCO events recently. The METCO Directors Association puts on a workshop every year with this being METCO'S 40th year of holding this conference. This year, Cohasset Public Schools own Director of METCO, Alyssa Gittens-Carle was the lead coordinator and mistress of ceremonies for this event. This event was held two days in a row to accommodate more people with staff attending on both days. This event was really well-attended and well-run informative days for everyone. Last week, Mrs. Shannon went to Boston and had dinner with many of their METCO families where it was a very casual opportunity sitting down and getting to know some of the families who are part of the METCO program.

December is always a really busy time and a time to celebrate their students. The last two weeks there have been lots of concerts at almost all grade levels. The Joseph Osgood School concert is being held in January, so don't fear, there's still a concert so that everybody can attend in January, 2025.

Students from Cohasset High School and Cohasset Middle School students have performed at other places in the Town and will put a concert on at the Senior Center Housing and at the elementary schools. Mrs. Shannon was also able to attend the 5th grade Deer Hill School Circus last week, such a great event. More importantly, this really showcased all that they're trying to do as a district, it really connects nicely with everything they're doing with regards to the "Anxious Generation," incorporating play, responsible and reasonable risk taking. Students learn so many great life skills through the circus and have a great time doing it with lots of smiles and lots of laughter. What Mrs. Shannon loved was seeing all the students encouraging each other, it was really a supportive community building event.

On December 19th, a whole group of new National Honor Society members will be inducted into the Cohasset Public Schools National Honor Society. Another chapter, so stay tuned for pictures from this, they're excited to celebrate them tomorrow evening.

Michael Stapleton, Director of Student Services sent out a request to have folks join his task force. The first forum was held with great participation, great attendance and went beyond the time limit with people being so engaged in that process. Mrs. Shannon says they're grateful for that level of participation from staff and from families, it's great to have many stakeholders involved with the importance of this work they're doing and so grateful for everybody who was there.

Just a friendly reminder this coming Friday, December 20th starts the Winter recess and look forward to having all the students and staff back on Thursday, January 2, 2025. Wishing everybody who celebrates happy holidays and a happy new year.

- **Overview of Planned School Trips (Mrs. Sarah Shannon)** **[Exhibit D-1]**

2025-2026 Cohasset High School – Out of State – School Trips

Proposed Trip	Faculty Contact	Estimated Travel Dates	Estimated Cost
Model Congress (Boston) (Not Out of State this year)	Chris Luvisi Laura Humphrey	Feb 20-23, 2025	$700
Model UN New York	Chris Luvisi Shawn Turner Russ Sears	Mar 12-16, 2025	$840

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2025-2026 Cohasset High School – Out of State – School Trips

Proposed Trip	Faculty Contact	Estimated Travel Dates	Estimated Cost
Costa Rica	Ali Daisy Jon Fortin	Apr Vacation 2025	n/a
Guadeloupe	Keith Grassmann	Apr Vacation 2026	n/a
Europe (Switzerland/Germany)	Jim Willis	Apr Vacation 2026	$5,100
French Exchange	Keith Grassmann	Receiving Students Dec 13 - 20, 2025	n/a
		Sending Students Cohasset High School Feb Vacation 2026	n/a
School the World	Carolyn Crimmins	Apr Vacation 2026	n/a

There are two (2) out-of-country school trips experiences for high school students to choose from during Spring break, (April vacation, 2026.)

2025-2026 Cohasset Middle School – Out of State – School Trips

Proposed Trip	Faculty Contact	Estimated Travel Dates	Estimated Cost
Quebec	Kathy Sanges	May 8-10, 2025	$750

Mrs. Hanna asks was there an 8th grade trip to the Grand Canyon, a regular mainstay, that was dropped. Is there a thought to a reciprocal Spanish trip for students at Cohasset Middle School who take Spanish, similar to the French trip for foreign language.

Mrs. Shannon says there was, post COVID, the trip to the Grand Canyon started to die out and didn't come back. She's not quite sure if there's an equivalent trip for Spanish at the Middle School level with a trip to Spain or Mexico, that's a much bigger trip for 7th and 8th grade students and she's not sure she would be in support of, being a little young for that kind of trip.

Mrs. Lesky has questions about the High School and Middle School trips that are faculty driven versus curricular, traditions of the school or benchmarks of an age group. Is there any interest in shifting or at least discussing shifting these trips from faculty driven to being school driven for these trips they offer as a district so that kids can look forward to them. It's a very nuanced kind of thing as she's a parent and hears kids that their understanding the 8th grade has a school trip and that they have an expectation of it. Mrs. Lesky suggests giving some clarity to the kids and parents around what they can expect for an 8th grade trip, or there isn't, if any.

Mrs. Shannon says she can look at curricular driven trips where there is enrichment to the curriculum rather than part of the actual curriculum. Even if their curricular driven, their still staff driven, willing to go and spend overnights, travel away from their families. Now, all doable, it's something that would have to be really looked at, look at the interests, and how much that would cost, and what would support students who can't cover those costs to ensure everyone can attend. If it's a full grade level trip and part of the curriculum it does become incumbent upon the schools to ensure everyone can attend. If the schools were looking at a true, true 8th grade school trip would be something that a committee would form and really look at how that would work and how it connects to support students who need assistance with the costs.

• **Overview of Planned School Trips (Mrs. Sarah Shannon)** **[Exhibit D-1]**

Mrs. Hanna suggests an analysis of what each grade at this point has been able to go on and experience these trips that might help them identify an effort the schools can make, or do with that class, or this class.

Mr. Dial thanks Mrs. Shannon for putting this together and would like to see the estimated costs. Now that these trips are laid out, he sees they can't do them all! He does want to add on to Mrs. Hanna's comment as a parent of a 7th grader has had the same experience and maybe never has been on a school trip, certainly not since 1st or 2nd grade. It might be worthwhile to make sure students are getting the experience, those are valuable educational experiences. Mr. Dial would like to keep the planned school trips up to date as they move forward and keep this as part of their regular package when they approve these trips to see how it fits into the full academic spectrum. This gives a lot of contexts and reminds people of all the opportunities they have to offer to students as a district.

Budget, Resources and Governance (Mrs. Susan Owen - Director of Finance & Operations)

• **Monthly Update – FY24 November Finance Report** **[Exhibit E-1]**

The voted school budget for FY25 is $23,909,407 plus a separate one-time allotment of $342,399 to cover the special education shortage, a total of $24,251,806 available to spend for FY25. As of November 30, 2024, they have expended $7,459,558 and have encumbered supplies, materials and remaining payrolls on purchase orders in the amount of $17,578,231. Keeping a close eye on the budget, still holding strong onto things they can hold for supplies for the staff and students and very conscious of what is being spent with the shortfall in the amount of ($785,983). Closely monitoring all accounts and the budget has been frozen. They will not allow any overrides to the budget, meaning no deficits unless Superintendent approved.

Special Education Tuitions were budgeted at $926,416 and are currently encumbered on purchase orders. There is a shortfall in Tuitions in the amount of ($263,140) which has not changed since September report. The budget line items that show shortfalls still remain the same.

SPED Tuitions	$263,140
Utilities	$150,666
SPED Transportation	$119,855
Custodial Supplies/Materials	$ 25,688
Salaries	$226,634

Mr. Dial would like to know how they underestimated salaries by a quarter of a million dollars. It seems like they should have had a handle on this.

Mrs. Owen explains those are unanticipated changes with staff, people leave, people are hired. The Finance & Operations Department usually finalizes the budget in February or March and presents this to the public, with changes from that time until where they sit right now. People have column changes, degree changes with lots of things that go into that. An addition of a part time ESP because it's needed at Deer Hill Elementary School.

School	Budget	Expended	Encumbrances	Balance	% Used	FTE
Osgood	$4,514,368	$1,246,896	$148,243	$3,119,228	30.90 %	52.10
Deer Hill	$4,380,032	$1,171,964	$128,449	$3,079,620	29.68 %	46.40
Middle	$4,218,395	$1,075,962	$ 7,396	$3,135,037	25.68 %	46.00
High School	$7,241,994	$2,264,136	$376,556	$4,601,302	36.46 %	66.80

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- **Monthly Update – FY24 November Finance Report** **[Exhibit E-1]**

Circuit Breaker funding received in FY24 was $1,177,034. Due to budget shortfalls and unanticipated expenditures, the district needed to utilize $1,078,643 leaving a balance of $98,391 to be carried over into FY25. Circuit Breaker funding to be received in FY25 will be $1,097,956 being paid to the schools in four (4) installments. They have received their first payment in the amount of $274,489. Circuit Breaker is a state program providing school districts with reimbursement for some of the costs incurred for providing "free and appropriate education" to students with special needs.

Capital Outlay Fund FY25 - $435,070

School Bus Lease	$ 90,000
Electric School Bus Lease	$ 7,000
Furniture Replacement – Student & Staff (Deer Hill Cycle)	$ 35,000
Replacement of Aging Chromebooks (540–3-Year Lease $143,000)	$ 51,337
Replace Smart Projectors/Panels in All Rooms (CHS)	$225,483
Deer Hill Chromebooks	$ 26,250
TOTAL	**$435,070**

Capital Outlay Stabilization Fund FY25 - $450,000

Middle/High School Fire Alarm Study	$150,000
Deer Hill Completion of Retiling Floors	$300,000
TOTAL	**$450,000**

The Food Service department continues to be very successful with many upgrades and enhancements. The Food Service department is still looking to hire several food service workers, if interested please apply to VCordon@cohassetk12.org. The Cohasset Middle School Garden Education program and Friends of Holly Hill Farm are feeding student bodies and minds this school year.

A review of transportation is ongoing as ridership has increased. The old "Blue Bird Bus" has been permanently retired as it is no longer repairable. Mrs. Owen is working with the Town to surplus the "Blue Bird Bus" along with the "minibus" which has been out of commission for many years. They are making a request through Capital to replace the "Blue Bird Bus" for next year and will be definitely looking for a new bus through Capital. The FY25 budget has been frozen, and no further expenses will be incurred without Superintendent's approval. The areas of concern are utilities, tuitions, transportation and salaries.

Mrs. Shannon encourages families to fill out those lunch forms to see if their child would qualify for free, or reduced breakfast/lunch. As a state, the schools provide "free lunch" for students who could qualify for free or reduced breakfast/lunch. The schools in their district don't always qualify for the grants the Department of Education puts out, and that makes it hard. The school district in Cohasset may be a wealthy district in lots of ways, it does not mean they have available funding all the time, and they do need grant funding to supplement and support them. The district isn't recognized as needing certain thresholds by the state where they don't qualify for those, and they apply to everything they can where sometimes they get things, and sometimes they don't.

Mr. Carr and Mrs. Hanna met recently at a subcommittee meeting and discussed all these things, working through some potential suggestions on how to handle this.

<u>Budget, Resources and Governance</u> (Mrs. Susan Owen - Director of Finance & Operations)

- **Monthly Update – FY24 November Finance Report** **[Exhibit E-1]**

Mr. Dial has questions, one being a mechanical question. Do they have $23 million dollars at the beginning of the year in an account or does the Town give the schools a monthly payment, how does the cash flow actually work for the schools. Every year, the schools receive a one lump sum payment, and that money is in the bank. They have a shortfall of ($785,983) and will they know at which point they will run out of money.

Mrs. Owen says they have voted budget money the beginning of the year designated to individual accounts. It's allotted and set aside for the schools. Mrs. Owen calculates automated salaries from the beginning of the year to the end of the year, and this year they were put on purchase orders. That money is held, and it's encumbered. The payroll is allotted that number will grow, but at any moment, payroll can change.

- **FY26 Budget Calendar **** **[Exhibit E-2]**

September 11	Principals and Leadership team meet to discuss capital and budget needs.
September 13	Superintendent and Director of Finance meet with Facilities Dept, School Facilities Committee and School Committee liaisons to discuss capital needs.
September 18	Superintendent and Director of Finance meet with IT Dept to discuss technology Capital needs.
November 20	School Committee receives draft budget calendar for review.
November 20	Budget information sent to Principals and discussed at leadership meeting.
December 4	Superintendent and Director of Finance present FY26 budget priorities to School Committee for input and present FY26 Draft Capital Request list.
December 10	Superintendent and Director of Finance meet 1:1 with Principals and Directors. December 18 – Principals and Leadership team meet to discuss FY26 operating budget needs.
December 18	School Committee finalized budget priorities and budget calendar at the December 18th School Committee meeting and finalizes FY26 Capital requests. ◆
December 19	Submit capital requests to Town Manager/Capital Budget Committee.
January 8	Superintendent and Director of Finance and Operations present overview of proposed FY26 operating budget to School Committee.
January 15	Superintendent and Director of Finance meet 1:1 with Principals and Directors.
January 21	Budget Workshop with District Leaders and School Committee (Tuesday during the day)
February 5	FY26 Preliminary Budget presentation to School Committee.
February 26	School Committee discussion of the FY26 Budget.
March 3	District publishes notice of upcoming public hearing in local newspaper.
March 5	School Committee discusses budget and receives presentation of state budget. (*Representative Meschino and Senator O'Connor*) attend March 5th School Committee meeting.
TBD	Joint meeting of School Committee, Selectmen, and Advisory Committee.
March 19	School Committee Public Hearing on budget preceding the March 19th School Committee meeting.
April 2	School Committee votes final adoption of budget and certifies budget figure. ◆
May	Town Meeting
June	Final Account Line budgets sent to Principals and Directors.

◆ School Committee Votes

A motion was made by Mrs. Hanna to approve the Cohasset Public Schools Budget Calendar for FY26 as presented and reflected on agenda item, [Exhibit E-2], seconded by Mrs. Lesky.

Aye – All

Budget, Resources and Governance

- **FY26 Budget Priorities (Mrs. Sarah Shannon)** **[Exhibit E-3]**

Since there is no new strategic plan, they've kept four pillars the same as they've been in the past because they also align with the district goals. The schools budget priorities fall into four pillars which are Teaching and Learning: Compass Point #1; Social Emotional Wellness Compass Point #2; Resources Compass Point #3; Communication & Engagement Compass Point #4. Using these priorities that will continue to change with the School Committee's approval to make decisions about what the FY26 budget will look like.

Mrs. Lesky appreciates some of the language in the pillars. It's very specific imagining a vision for the district going forward while still using language that is very familiar to the community understanding these buckets which the school is really focusing on. The way in which that focus is changing and seeing words like academic rigor, and accessibility, are really important pieces of programming to look at and look forward to. Mrs. Lesky appreciates the direction this is going. Making long term investments with professional development, once they have people, the faculty in the buildings understand new modalities of teaching and learning, those stay, that information stays, gets passed forward through working peers.

Mr. Dial agrees with all of these even though it's going into a situation they're in. This is going to be a season of trade-offs. One thing that might be helpful as the School Committee goes through this process, solicit committee feedback on where this committee thinks some of these trade-offs might need to be made. From Mr. Dial's perspective, they've made some incredible strides in academic excellence and supporting services to students. Those are things that are absolutely critical and should never be touched or compromised to the extent they can, there are other things they might have to. These budget priorities are great guidepost, what they lack is the prioritization of them versus each other. Eventually, with where the budget is trending, they'll have to make some of those tough decisions and Mr. Dial just asks the administration to involve the School Committee as they see fit into helping make those decisions.

Mrs. Shannon says as they talk about FY26 and what some of those trade-offs may be, they'll be linking each of those to a couple of budget priorities so that people can see really what that trade-off entails. Having that clarity will help make some decisions.

Mr. Dial very much appreciates this framework for having those discussions, and thanks Mrs. Shannon for putting this together.

- **FY26 *Draft* Capital (Mrs. Susan Owen)** **[Exhibit E-4]**

Bus Lease (8 diesel buses)	$ 156,000 **Q**
Electric Bus Lease	$ 25,000 **Q**
Bus Lease (1 additional bus to replace the Blue Bird bus)	$ 20,650 **Q**
Window Shades-Fix and Replace in all Buildings **(154 Windows)** (*In process of gathering numbers*)	$
Replace all Projectors with Interactive Presentation Equipment **(Osgood 13/Deer Hill 13)**	$ 117,628 **Q**
Security Equipment – **(52 DW)**	$ 181,435 **Q**
Replace Furniture DH Main Office; Counseling Offices CMS; Babain Conference Room CHS)	$ 78,218 **Q**
IPADS at Osgood - Each class will have own set **(133)**	$ 61,322 **Q**
(2) New Athletics 15 Passenger Vans (48 Month Lease)	$ 33,666 **Q**
Soft Starter for Elevator at CMHS (Nick and Jake Getting Quotes)	$
Facilities to Build Multiyear Plan and Obtain Quotes for Remaining Items (Nick and Jake)	$
Asphalt Road & Sidewalk Between DHS and JOS Needs to be Resurfaced (DHS)	$ 120,000
Asphalt Road from Pond Street needs to be Resurfaced (CMHS)	$ 100,000
Replace Sidewalk and Curbing on Entry Road to CMHS (CMHS)	$ 250,000
Extend Sidewalk to Pond Street (CMHS)	$ 50,000
TOTAL:	**$1,193,919**

Budget, Resources and Governance **[Exhibit E-4]**

- **FY26 *Draft* Capital (Mrs. Susan Owen)**

Mr. Dial would like to see the multiyear plan of where they can strategically allocate resources from the Stabilization Fund. Over time that will include some of these giant initiatives that are critically important. He's also 100% convinced they need transportation resources with their buses already at capacity.

Mrs. Shannon says their creating cover sheets for each ask that details all the rationale for those numbers Mr. Dial is talking about, and in some cases, photos.

Community Relations / Communications

- **Reports from School Committee Subcommittees and Liaisons**

N/A

School Committee Governance

- **Topics Not Reasonably Anticipated by the Chair**

There were no topics not reasonably anticipated by the Vice Chair who is serving as Chair.

- **Approval of Minutes**

There are no minutes to approve for this meeting.

- **Future Agenda Items**

N/A

- **Executive Session**

The Vice Chair has no reason to request the Cohasset School Committee to go into Executive Session.

- **Adjourn****

Motion made by Mr. Carr to adjourn the regular meeting for the Cohasset School Committee at 7:31 PM on Wednesday, December 18, 2024, seconded by Mrs. Hanna.

Aye – All

**** Requires Committee Vote / Action**

Materials/documents used at the Cohasset School Committee Meeting for December 18, 2024

Overview of Planned [Out-of-State] School Trips - Mrs. Sarah Shannon……...[Exhibit D-1]
Superintendent Updates Presentation……...[Mrs. Sarah Shannon]
Budget, Resources and Governance – Monthly Update (Mrs. Susan Owen)…… [Exhibit E-1]
Budget, Resources and Governance - FY26 Budget Calendar (Mrs. Susan Owen)……...[Exhibit E-2]
Budget, Resources and Governance - FY26 Budget Priorities (Mrs. Sarah Shannon)…….… [Exhibit E-3]
Budget, Resources and Governance - FY26 *Draft* Capital (Mrs. Susan Owen)…… [Exhibit E-4]

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