

The Facilities Subcommittee met on Monday, September 29, 2025, in a Virtual Zoom Meeting. Present were Jennifer Cullum, Andre King, Sara Ahern, Chris Dwelley, Doug Boulanger, and Jen Kruczek.

Ms. Cullum called the meeting to order at 4:03PM.

Approve Meeting Minutes

- Motion by Mr. King, seconded by Dr. Ahern, and the Committee voted, unanimously, to approve the Meeting Minutes of April 14, 2025.

MSBA Accelerated Program Update

- Dr. Ahern stated the MSBA will make its notifications at the end of October as to who is invited to join the next steps in the process. The program would begin immediately, in 90 days, or in 120 days. Summer 2029 would be substantial completion of the project. On August 13, the MSBA walked the sites of the BHS and BIS roofs. They could be accepted for one or both projects. The School Committee would need to take a very specific vote in November and then the Town Council would make a specific vote for re-appropriation with MSBA language.
- Mr. Dwelley stated they should know about the projects prior to the CIP being finalized. The School Committee will need to revote the current appropriations to be in line with the MSBA.
- Dr. Ahern stated they had more submissions than the prior year. There were 96 qualified projects for further review.
- Mr. King asked, if approved, what is the timeframe for the projects.
- Mr. Boulanger stated they would have to do the paperwork and votes in November.
- Dr. Ahern stated there would be substantial completion by the summer of 2029. There are three cohorts: one right away, one in February, and one in March.
- Ms. Cullum asked who would be in charge of this project. Mr. Boulanger stated they would work with the on-call Project Manager if awarded this project.
- Ms. Cullum asked, if we do not get accepted, what happens. Dr. Ahern stated, the Schools asked the School Committee and Town Council for the money before the program and that is what we would need to do if not approved.

FY'27 Capital Program

- Dr. Ahern showed a spreadsheet of the FY26 approved and funded projects and the ones that are underway.
- Mr. Boulanger stated the CIP requests are being presented for FY27. There are 11 projects. The other big project besides the roofs at BHS and BIS is the BUES new HVAC. They have a \$2.7 million grant for the electrified system and additional potential incentives of \$1 million.
- Ms. Cullum asked if they can get a list of the other potential grants for this project. Dr. Ahern stated Sean Hogan might have those.
- Mr. Boulanger spoke about the locker room renovations. They are in the process of getting a designer on board. They are getting bids now from on call designers.
- Mr. Boulanger spoke about the network equipment switches and security cameras that are to be done over five years. He spoke about the masonry repairs in the district. He spoke about digital controls currently being done in three schools and this item is to do the last three schools. He spoke about paving, patch parking, and drives.
- Ms. Cullum asked how Barnstable splits the roofs' cost with MSBA. Mr. Dwelley stated, on average, the MSBA pays 35%, but there are other factors that go into that percentage.
- Mr. Boulanger spoke about additional future items based on the Facilities Conditions Assessment for FY'28-30.
- Mr. King asked if the HVAC at the high school is currently underway. Mr. Boulanger stated yes, the exhaust fans are going out to bid this fiscal year.
- Ms. Cullum stated there is nothing on the list about fields. She asked if there are any plan to maintain or consolidate with structures and grounds. Mr. Boulanger stated there was some money in there currently for the maintenance of the fields. The softball fields are being addressed, but all the fields need to be addressed.
- Ms. Cullum stated they should invest in the fields and put some time aside to talk about the fields.
- Ms. Cullum asked how does this inform a discussion on building a new school. She asked how does the district take this data and have a sound financial plan to move forward.

- Dr. Ahern stated there will be monthly updates for each school and more of the details will come forward when we get to certain schools. Each presentation will drill down about repairs and maintenance.
- Ms. Cullum stated she would like to have a compiled list of how the cost accumulates with each school. Mr. Boulanger stated he can do that at each meeting.
- Mr. King asked if there is an update on the Barnstable United Elementary school fields.
- Mr. Boulanger stated they are letting the front field sit and grow. They are going to look at the field on the top of the hill next. He will come back with realistic costs.
- Dr. Ahern stated the front field gets so much use that it gets beat up. Long term the sewer project is going to involve that field for connections.
- Ms. Cullum asked if the irrigation system is working on that field. Mr. Boulanger stated he was told it was working.

Next Steps

- Ms. Cullum stated the culmination of the school's needs will be presented at the School Committee meetings.
- Dr. Ahern stated she can reach out to Dave Anthony about other fields in the district.
- Dr. Ahern stated the School's capital projects are earlier, so we can get our projects out earlier. She discussed the CIP process.
- Ms. Cullum wanted to make sure the School Committee has the information on the school's maintenance costs to see the need to move forward on a new school.

Motion by Mr. King, seconded by Dr. Ahern, and the Subcommittee voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 4:50PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jen Kruczek
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