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**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE ADVISORY  
COMMISSION ON CAPITAL EXPENDITURES  
JANUARY 15, 2026  
7:00 P.M.**

**Present:** Brad Belcher, Alexander Lepage, Mike Sattan, Saeed Akbar, Scott Crosson and Don Miner

**Absent:** George Austin

**Also in attendance:** Eric Remington – BOE Business Manager, Larry Plano – BOE Facilities Director and Matt Dunbar – Superintendent

Chairman Belcher called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

Commissioner Lepage MOTIONED and Commissioner Sattan seconded to assign Commissioner Austin's voting rights to Commissioner Crosson. Motion passed unanimously.

**Public Participation**

None.

**Approval of minutes from January 8, 2026 Regular Meeting**

Commissioner Lepage MOTIONED and Commissioner Sattan seconded to approve the minutes from the January 8, 2026 Regular Meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

**Presentation from Board of Education**

**Chairman Belcher** invited Mr. Remington, Mr. Plano and Superintendent Dunbar to present to the commission. Superintendent Dunbar opened the presentation by thanking the commission for their support last year of the STEAM Lab which has been a huge success as well as the other "less glamorous" projects that were funded and completed. Mr. Plano began with a brief synopsis of the top requests on their list which included:

- Technology items (District Wide)
- Exterior Door Replacements (Majority of doors at Spaulding – a few at other schools)
- Student and Staff Bathroom Renovations (Spaulding)
- Exterior Camera Additions (Spaulding)
- Auditorium Stage and House Lighting upgrade (Suffield High School)
- 1<sup>st</sup> Floor VCT Replacement – Hallways (Suffield High School)
- Gymnasium Floor (Suffield High School)
- LED Lighting (McAlister & Spaulding)
- Shingle Roof Replacement (Suffield High School)
- Annual Safety and Security Upgrades (District Wide)
- Project & Planning Design (District Wide)

- Grounds & Snow Equipment (District Wide)
- Finish Remaining Floors – Pre K and Cafes (Spaulding)
- New Signage (Spaulding and McAlister)
- Classroom Painting (Spaulding)
- Brick Repointing (Spaulding)
- Caulking & Sealing (Spaulding)
- Exterior painting and trim/soffit/canopy repair (Spaulding)

### **Discussion**

The group walked through the open capital accounts and determined what funds should remain and what could be used for other projects. Discussion ensued among the commission and the Board of Education members regarding the requests made, the recent flooding issue at McAlister Intermediate School and what the best way would be to avoid a situation like this from happening again. Mr. Remington, Mr. Plano and Superintendent Dunbar addressed questions and concerns and provided additional details as necessary. It was noted that the list presented this evening does NOT include anything requests for the Suffield Middle School as it is still unclear as to whether the school will be undergoing a renovation as new or if the town will decide to build new.

Chairman Belcher outlined the meeting schedule for the next two weeks and noted that the prioritization meeting will most likely be split into two separate evenings which will allow more time for review.

Commissioner Sattan MOTIONED and Commissioner Lepage seconded to adjourn at 8:36 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristen O. Lambert  
Recording Secretary