

DUDLEY-CHARLTON REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Meeting of the Capital & School Safety Subcommittee

Friday, October 31, 2025, at **9:00 AM**

Via Video Conferencing

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/8242405060S>

MEETING MINUTES

- I. **Approval of Minutes (10/3/2025).** A. Aube proposes that the Committee Reorganization be addressed first, which the Committee agreed. First approval of minutes by K. Szela, seconded by A. Aube. All in favor.
- II. **Committee Reorganization**
 - a. Chair. Anthony accepted first nomination by M. Chickering, seconded by K. Szela. Roll call; all in favor.
 - b. Vice Chair. First nomination of K Szela by M. Chickering, seconded by A. Aube. Roll call; all in favor.
- III. **Director of Facilities Report.**

On hold. S. Pusateri was absent from this meeting. S. Pusateri provided some information on agenda items, some of which will be covered later in the individual agenda items.
- IV. **Director of Finance & Operations updates, as available.**

Information will be covered later in the individual agenda items.
- V. **Subcommittee Communications.** None. K. Szela, A. Aube, J. DeSantis have a meeting with Budget & Finance Subcommittee today.
- VI. **Capital Plan update July 1 through now.** S. Pusateri is on leave and will be updating this upon his return from leave. Bleachers, basketball courts and water fountains are addressed later in this agenda. Technology meeting will be scheduled with the Technology Director, Dan D'Arcangelo, S. Pusateri and Mr. Lamarche within one week to 10 days.
- VII. **Capital request timeline for FY27 Budget.** Nothing to add at this time. FY27 Budget workshop began at the last school committee meeting which begins the budget season. The capital requests from the FY27 Budget if approved will be updated in the capital plan.
- VIII. **Roof Solar (CMS, DMS, SHRHS) update.** Waiting on National Grid to complete their feasibility study to identify if solar panels will be appropriate for these schools. Canopy style solar is an option for SHRHS. Roof solar at SHRHS will need for the roof to be replaced. SHRHS, DMS, CMS have two different power grids. Power grid capacities will need to be looked at for this purpose as well. The feasibility study is expected to be completed by the end of 2026.
- IX. **SHRHS Bleachers –** Bleacher repairs were completed last month by Marr Scaffolding. The bleachers were not safe while active with repairs. In 2023, Mr. Mathieu signed a 5-year agreement with Marr Scaffolding for inspections and maintenance, which expires June 2028. The current Athletic Director, Christopher O'Donnell, and S. Pusateri looking at other options. J. DeSantis is also looking into the cost of purchasing bleachers. A few years ago, Mr. Mathieu received a quote of \$2.5M for purchase of bleachers. Plans are in place to explore all other options for leasing or purchase. A. Aube suggested a lease-to-own option. J. DeSantis stated that SHRHS bleachers are not included in capital plan but can be added to the capital plan. K. Szela asked about the longevity of bleachers. Expectations to Marrs Scaffolding and if there is a liability issue with the bleachers. A. Aube suggested updated lights on the field be considered. Brian Benoit, custodian and electrician, and Dan D may be included for their knowledge on this. K. Szela suggested moving bleachers to other side of the field due to sun glare.
- X. **CMS Basketball Court.** Currently, there is 160 linear feet of asphalt cracks in court and damaged asphalt with one quote coming in at \$1500. No vendor has been chosen. When S. Pusateri returns, he will coordinate a timeline for repair of the CMS basketball court. We will get two more quotes within the next week. Kelly suggested sponsorship/donation option. If the District asks businesses for payment of repairs, we can put up their company sign, and they can possibly do the repairs for free. J. DeSantis will ask the head custodian at CMS, Jim Rivera, in coordination with S. Pusateri, to check if this would be an option from local vendors. A. Aube stated that the timing is good as many companies have residual asphalt at this time of year.

- XI. **CMS Water Fountain.** There were three water fountains not working – Grades 5, 6 and 8. Grade 8 water fountain has been repaired. As soon as parts are available for water fountains in the Grade 5 and grade 6 wings, repairs will be completed.
- XII. **Future Agenda Items.**
- A. Aube encourages committee members to forward meeting agenda items for the next meeting.
 - K. Szela asks about proactive measures for heating issues just ahead of upcoming Winter months. J. Desantis states that boiler inspections have been completed at all seven schools to identify any heating issues.
 - A. Aube suggests discussion of the capital request timeline and budget request for the upcoming year.
 - K. Szela also stated that an educated overview should be provided for town meetings.
 - A tentative next meeting date of December 5, 2025 in the morning was considered, pending availability of S. Pusateri.
- XIII. **Adjourn 9:28 a.m.** A motion by A. Aube to adjourn, seconded by M. Chickering. All in favor at 9:28 a.m.