

DUDLEY-CHARLTON REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Capital & School Safety Subcommittee

Friday, October 3, 2025

9:30 a.m.

Via video conferencing

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84074182868>

Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Maureen Chickering, Kelly Szela, Anthony Aube, Stephen Pusateri, Joseph DeSantis, Steven Lamarche.

Absent: Cheryl Kozub.

Call to Order. The meeting of the Capital and School Safety Subcommittee was called to order at 9:34 a.m.

1. Approval of Minutes 3/19/2025. The first motion to approve the minutes of March 19, 2025 as written was made by A. Aube and seconded by K. Szela. Unanimous approval.
2. New Committee Members. S. Pusateri asked for a vote to elect a new Chair and Vice Chair. A. Aube objected since the wording was incorrectly listed on the agenda. A. Aube suggested that this item be moved to the next meeting as this would violate the Open Meeting Law.
3. Fire Panels – Update. S. Pusateri stated that the District has a set of updated drawings. Installation is planned during summer break. Bid documents are currently being updated. A. Aube asked if this would encompass the entire building or just the expansion. S. Pusateri confirms that it encompasses the entire building. A. Aube asked if there was a dual language alert for the alarms. S. Pusateri will check into this. Charlton Elementary School is the final school that requires the fire alarm panel replacement.
4. CMS Bubblers – Discussion. S. Pusateri stated the need for repairs of the water bottle filling stations at Charlton Middle School. K. Szela asked if any of them are working which is confirmed yes by S. Pusateri. A. Aube asked about the timeline for repairs. S. Pusateri states the District is awaiting pricing from the plumber.
5. Capital Plan – Discussion. No update to provide at this time. K. Szela stated that the Towns need to be updated if the Capital Plan is changing. A. Aube and J. DeSantis agreed that the Capital Plan Project needs to be re-examined for cost, prioritization and the need to tie in all areas.
6. Solar Projects. S. Pusateri is awaiting National Grid’s feasibility assessments for Charlton Middle School, Dudley Middle School and Shepherd Hill to identify if roof solar is possible. More updates will be provided as they become available. National Grid timeline to complete the study is 2027-2028. A. Aube states that the canopy is a good option for backup to the roof panels. K. Szela agrees.
7. Future Agenda Items.
 - K. Szela – Issue of Charlton Middle School basketball court not being used.
 - A. Aube – Reorganization of Committee Chair/Vice Chair positions.
 - S. Pusateri – Categorize and prioritize the Capital Plan Projects, including the Shepherd Hill bleachers.Due Date for agenda items: Two weeks before the meeting date. Agenda due date for next meeting: 10/17/2025
Next meeting date is October 31, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. via zoom.
8. Adjourn.

Motion to adjourn was made by A. Aube at 10:03 a.m., seconded by K. Szela. K. Szela, A. Aube in favor; M. Chickering abstains.