# Buildings & Grounds Sub Committee Meeting
# Tuesday, June 2, 2026

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**
A. Attendance
Present: Mary Hirsch-Schena (Chairperson) Alex Calbi, Aubree Malick, Dr. Genelle Morris, Jenny Bilotta, Mark Huselstein, Julio Fuentes, Jackie Reed
B. Call to order at 4:06 p.m.

**2. AGENDA ITEMS**

A. Capital Project Update - Jenny Bilotta
An Appellate Division ruling on case in Syracuse on 5/21/26 no longer allows piggybacking on contracts for capital projects for services. This method of financing projects has been used and legal up until the ruling. Fourteen projects in Catt/Allegany Counties that are affected. Olean projects affected are the Washington West Playground and the Window Film Project.

WW Playground - There are 3 options for responding the ruling:

1. Move forward with contract, given that it was in place and approved prior to the 5/21/26 decision. The risk with this option is that aid could be withheld for up to $450,000.
2. Use the shell contract to buy the equipment and bid out the installation. The risk with this option is that we would have to put it back out to bid, and we could anticipate a 20% increase in the cost for installation, and would delay the project until at least summer of 2027.
3. Wait on everything and put it all out to bid, with the risk being that Parkitects could file suit for breach of contract.

District atorneys recommend proceeding with the WW playground project as it was approved and in place prior to the ruling. There is also a contract that was signed with Parkitects that must be honored.

The committee felt that the recommendation of the attorney would be the best option. Hodgson Russ, who drafted the shell contract, noted that we would be well within our means to go forward and argue to get the aid back, because everything was in all steps followed appropriately and in place prior to the ruling.

Window Filming Project - The attorney recommended holding off on the window filming project as the BOE has not approved this yet. This project also does not have the time sensitive nature of the WW playground, because it can be done in bad weather and during breaks.

B. Don Scholla Memorial Field Dedication Summary
The Don Scholla Memorial Service was held on May 18th and was well received by the Scholla Family and community. Many paid tribute to Don Scholla with emotional speeches with the weather providing a perfect setting.
The scoreboard wrap is installed and a plaque was dedicated.

C. Mark Huselstein Retirement
We would like to thank Mark Huselstein for his time, dedication and committement to the Olean City School District and to this committee. We wish you well in your retirement!

Welcome, Mark Nolan - we look forward to working with you!

**3. ADJOURNMENT**
A. Adjournment at 4:32 pm

The next meeting is TBD when the 26-27 meeting calendar is finalized.

Enjoy your summer!