

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM. Present: School Board Members Joseph Saulnier, Ada Vadeboncoeur, John Harmon, and Tony Clements; Superintendent of Schools David DeRuosi; Business Administrator Marjorie Whitmore; Director of Safety and Facilities Todd Ledoux.

Proof of Posting: It was noted that the meeting was properly posted.

Pledge of Allegiance: Those in attendance stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Input: There was no public input at this time.

Capital Improvements Plan Work Session: Marjorie Whitmore presented the Board with the proposed Capital Improvements Plan, as found in the meeting agenda. Todd Ledoux reviewed the Equipment, Facilities Maintenance & Replacement Capital Improvement Plan for the 2022-2023 School year which include IHGMS Bathroom Flooring, IHGMS Media Center Flooring, IHGMS Chain Link Fence, and RHS Control Upgrades. John Harmon asked if any of these are safety concerns. Todd reported that the controls are most important as they control the air quality. The current system is not able to be maintained. John Harmon asked if numbers include inflation. Marjorie Whitmore reported that most of the numbers include 5% inflation. John Harmon expressed concern that, given the current market, the \$368,750 may not be a realistic cost for the control upgrades.

In regards to the Technology Capital Improvement Plan, the money requested to be put aside will be for camera replacement, Firewall replacement and switch replacement in the coming years. The cameras should be replaced every 7 years. John Harmon requested that the CIP be updated to reflect that. John Harmon would like to know the life cycle of the wireless environment, so we can determine how often it will need to be in the CIP.

In regards to the Food Service Equipment Capital Improvement Plan. In '23-'24, there is an IHGMS Steamer Replacement, and an LRES Convection Oven Replacement. The Board reviewed the needs assessment by year. Joe Saulnier shared that the dishwasher in '25-'26 at should be changed to a (3) as it is 4 years out. Joe Saulnier shared that the POS terminals, walk-in freezer, steam table and automatic meat slicer should be a (2). Anything after '26-'26 should not be a 2 or lower. Joe Saulnier asked if the steam tables should go up in price. Marjorie Whitmore shared that she did not increase the price as it is 13 years out. John Harmon shared that he thinks there should be inflation factored into the lines. Joe Saulnier shared that we may want to check priority numbers for technology as there are some 2s that are pretty far out.

Todd Ledoux reviewed the Maintenance Needs Assessment for all years with the Board. John Harmon and Joe Saulnier asked for clarification on who is responsible for the fencing and Tennis courts at the middle school. At this time, the District has been maintaining the fence. John Harmon asked how often the dump truck is used and if it makes sense to buy something else. Todd Ledoux shared the current conversations that are in place about possibly choosing a different style truck. Joe Saulnier asked if it makes sense to get another truck or keep this truck. Todd Ledoux feels that it makes sense to get something newer that is not a dump truck. Tony Clements asked if it was worth keeping the dump truck if it is needed. Todd shared that having the dump truck just sit would decrease the value, and the last dump truck rotted out from sitting. The Board asked if it would be possible to sell the dump truck and buy another truck with that money. Todd shared that the number in there is for a new truck, not including trade in. John Harmon asked if it was possible to find out the value or trading in the truck against the cost of buying another to possibly adjust the number. John Harmon asked about the need for a high school soccer field. Todd shared that there are not a lot of fields for high school students to practice on. Due to the need for space, it's possible that it became a game field as well. John Harmon asked if the boilers at the high school are original. Todd shared that they are original to the school. Joe Saulnier asked if it would be more economical to use wall units for the air conditioner in the media center instead of the rooftop unit. Todd shared that given current technology, that is possible, though he does not think that the number will be far off. For '25-'26, the numbers under security and safety upgrades are for the intercom systems at all schools, which will need to be adjusted higher given the current quotes. Those numbers would come out if this project is done sooner, as to be discussed at tomorrow night's meeting. For '26-'27, Todd shared that the IHGMS Air handling units look very underfunded and should be revisited. The Board discussed the savings that the district is able to put aside (2.5% as authorized by the town) to save for emergencies. The Board discussed the use of bonds. John Harmon asked if the Board was comfortable taking the roof off to put it as a bond. John Harmon asked if the locker room project was still something that the administration wanted to pursue. Todd shared that currently the athletic director and principal do still want to complete this project. The LRES roof number for '32-'33 is to replace the whole roof.

John Harmon shared that he believes they are appropriating too much. The Board discussed saving through the CIP vs bonds. Joe Saulnier asked if Marjorie could look into the recommendations for the district to have in their CIP plan.

Todd shared that going out to bid for all the controls and bundling it as a warrant article is also a route some districts use to offset the costs. John Harmon asked if there was a plan to add to the CIP for the ramp to the fields at IHGMS or for the epoxy floors for RHS. Todd shared that the floors at RHS should be in there, they can look into that.

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At this time, the Board would like to collect more information from administration to revisit this before heading to the CIP committee.

Adjournment:

MOTION: John Harmon moved to adjourn at 7:50 PM, seconded by Ada Vadeboncoeur. Voted unanimously in the affirmative (4-0).

Respectfully Submitted,

Brittany L'Heureux
School Board Clerk