

MASCONOMET REGIONAL DISTRICT
Budget and Capital Improvement Subcommittee
Meeting Minutes **January 12, 2024**

MEMBERS PRESENT: J. McLean, Chair, Boxford W. Hodges, Topsfield
M. Alexander, Middleton C. Bolzan, Boxford
OTHERS PRESENT: Jeff Sands, Mike Harvey

1. Call to Order

J. McLean, Chair, called the Budget and Capital Improvement Subcommittee to order on 1/12/24 at 9:05 AM.

2. Previous meeting minutes reviewed and accepted

3. Discussion of Capital Plan Priorities

- Discussed Globe article on Whittier Voc Tech and whether their situation applies to Masco. Should HVAC/Roof renovations exceed 30% of the building value, the law requires mandatory updates to comply to all latest building codes
 - Jeff Sands confirmed that the limit will be tripped and all items will need to be in compliance
 - Extent of additional repairs is not thought to be significant
- Detailed review of latest Priority 3 list completed
 - Additional items identified for completion in next two fiscal years, balance of items will be addressed in years 3-5
 - Team identified two items which might be eliminated or substituted for in order to save approx. \$600K
 - Touchless facilities totaling \$325.8 K (was a COVID measure, no longer deemed necessary)
 - Cell phone amplification system \$287.5 K
 - Present problem is largely confined to Jr. High students who do not have access to WIFI
 - Team asked admin to consider enabling WIFI to all students as a possible alternative to installing cell system
 - Updates will be incorporated into a presentation to full committee at next session (1/17)

4. Considerations for next agenda and meeting time

- Team decided to identify next meeting date at a later date

5. Meeting adjourned at 10:47 AM