MASCONOMET REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
20 Endicott Road, Boxford MA 01921

Budget and Capital Subcommittee
Masco Central Building
18 October 2024 Minutes

Members Present: Bill Hodges, Matthew Alexander, Trevor Currier, Christine Bolzan (participated until 9:45am), Dr Michael Harvey, Jeff Sands. Joe Mclean attended but did not participate in discussion.

- Meeting called to order at 9:04am
- Chair welcomed public comment from Jennifer Weidman (Boxford) who represented a group of citizens
    - Expressed concern about recent loss of football field press box 2nd floor and roof access
    - Requested clarity and transparency on path forward to make this a usable structure again.
    - Communication to the community is wanted
        - Lack of communication fosters distrust and rumor
    - Recommended considering short-term solutions
    - Jeff feedback:
        - John Daileanes should be the initial POC (point of contact) at Masco for this issue
        - Jeff called Boxford Building Inspector due to safety concerns
        - After review of the structure, Boxford Building Inspector closed 2nd and 3rd floors of the structure.
        - These types of issues need to remain in the Capital Plan, need to be prioritized against all other capital needs and require capital funding.
- Approval of October 4, 2024 DCI meeting minutes – Christine (1st), Bill (2nd) – Approved 4-0, (roll-call)
- Category 2 discussion (Turf):
    - Sarah Guido, Masco Sports Foundation participated in discussion.
    - Jeff: Current stadium should be a priority over new fields. For example, current field needs
        - Press box
        - Accessibility
        - Track

        - Irrigation
    - Need new quote for track (last quote was Oct 2022)
    - Sarah Guido: Fundraising hung-up in permitting
    - Matt: Need to get project moving towards town meeting independent of fund raising
    - Trevor: Need to tie all big asks together during 2026 Town Meeting.
    - Bill – recommend a single field
        - Supported by Trevor and Matt
        - Will close on this recommendation next meeting with full DCI present.
- Softball field: Out of compliance in Title IX
    - Have not yet performed a study of what it would take to redo the existing softball field
    - Likely need landscape architect, wetlands expert, accessibility expert
        - What can we do with that space?
        - Can we even have two fields in this space?
    - Consider putting a study into FY26 Capital Request
- Next meeting:
    - Gain agreement on 1: are we recommending a study
    - Gain agreement on 2: Single value field
    - Dive into Category 3:
        - Softball
        - Existing stadium
        - Many other things
    - Will start from current Category 3 list
    - 9am Oct 25th Central Building
- Meeting adjourned 10:31am: Bill (1st), Trevor (2nd) – Approved 3-0 (roll-call)