

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
  - o Expressed concern about recent loss of football field press box 2<sup>nd</sup> floor and roof access
  - o Requested clarity and transparency on path forward to make this a usable structure again.
  - o Communication to the community is wanted
    - Lack of communication fosters distrust and rumor
  - o Recommended considering short-term solutions
  - o 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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 (1<sup>st</sup>), Bill (2<sup>nd</sup>) – Approved 4-0, (roll-call)
- Category 2 discussion (Turf):
  - o Sarah Guido, Masco Sports Foundation participated in discussion.
  - o 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 25<sup>th</sup> Central Building
- Meeting adjourned 10:31am: Bill (1<sup>st</sup>), Trevor (2<sup>nd</sup>) – Approved 3-0 (roll-call)