

MASCONOMET REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
20 Endicott Road, Boxford MA 01921

Budget and Capital Subcommittee
Masco Central Building
10 January 2025 Minutes

Members Present: Bill Hodges, Matthew Alexander, Christine Bolzan, Jeff Sands, Michael Harvey, Joe McLean

- Call to order: 8:33am
- Public Comment: None this week
- Approval of December 13, 2024 DCI meeting minutes – Bill (1st), Christine I(2nd) – Approved 3-0
- Review impact of estimates for sports fields and interior elevator on recommended Capital Plan
 - o Elevators
 - Lots of work: Guttered shaft. New electrical. New doors. Heating in shaft.
 - Work would be done in summer 2026 due to lead times and execution time (cannot interrupt school year operation, so it must be done in the summer)
 - o Press box lift
 - If we don't want to use Stabilization Fund, this would be another option.
 - Implementation of scaffolding
 - Install 2 towers before Fall 2025 sports season
 - o Model of scaffolding towers
 - \$9000 for both towers installed for 3.5 months
 - \$1500 for plans to be engineered
 - Moving field controls (scoreboard, etc) to one of the towers would enable press box functionality.
 - Lift replacement would likely be done in early December
 - Installing towers would achieve two things for fall 2025:
 - o Enable press-box functionality
 - o Allow for elevated coach access
 - If this is adopted, this would be a solution for Fall 2025 only. Once the press box lift is repaired, another discussion/approval

would be required to entertain future towers (which would, at that point, only serve coaches).

- Motion (Christine 1st, Bill 2nd) to have the DCI formally support administration's recommendation to include scaffolding for one year in the FY26 operating budget recommendation (approved, 3-0).
 - o Motion (Christine 1st, Bill 2nd) motion to have the DCI support \$690k recommendation in administration's capital request for FY26 (approved, 3-0)
 - [Administration's FY26 Proposed Capital Cost Summary](#)
- Discussion of MSBA Accelerated Repair Program Invitation to submit Statement of Interest
 - o Applications due March 21st, 2025
 - o Open to roof, windows, doors and heat pumps
 - o Original plan was to submit a roof only application
 - o Challenge: heat pumps are now included
 - We won't have the results of the HVAC study until well after the applications are due.
 - If we don't apply now, and the result of the study points to heat pumps, we would have to wait another 2 years before the next biennial invitation.
 - o Motion to apply to both heat-pump and roof program AND stick with recommendation to include study in FY26 budget request (Chris 1st, Bill 2nd) approved 3-0.
- Discuss presentation format for 1/22/25 school committee meeting
 - o Matt to update charts
 - o Focus on all three categories
 - o DCI members to try to communicate with fellow school committee members prior to meeting.
- Community outreach:
 - o Meeting times: Need to stick to current meeting time
 - o Matt and Christine to work with Communications Subcommittee
- Considerations for next agenda and meeting time
 - o Next DCI meeting: TBD
- Motion to adjourn at 10:00: Christine (1st), Bill (2nd) – approved 3-0 (roll call).

Acronyms and abbreviations:

- ADA: Americans with Disabilities Act
- BMS: Building Management System
- CCTV: Closed Circuit Television
- DCI: District Capital Improvements
- FYxx : Fiscal Year 20xx
- HS: High School
- HVAC: Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning
- MBS: Masco Building Committee
- MS: Middle School
- MSBA: Massachusetts School Building Authority
- FinComm: Finance Committee
- SC: School Committee
- TBD: To be determined