

Present: Tracey Marano, Chair, CCSC; CSC
Sharon Whitt, Vice Chair, CCSC
Alexa Anderson, Chair, CSC; CCSC
Cynthia Rainey, CSC, CCSC
Carrie Patel, CCSC

Absent: Carrie Rankin, Vice Chair, CSC; CCSC
Courtland Booth, CSC; CCSC
Domingos DaRosa, CCRSD METCO Rep
Ayesha Lawton, CPS METCO Rep

Present from Administration: Dr. Laurie Hunter, Superintendent of Schools, CPS & CCRSD
Robert Conry, Asst. Supt of Finance & Operations, CPS & CCRSD
Kristen Anderson, Asst. Supt. of Teaching & Learning, CPS & CCRSD

I. CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Marano called the CCSC meeting to order at 7:00 PM, and Ms. Anderson then called the CSC meeting to order. Roll call attendance was taken: Anderson, aye; Marano, aye; Rainey, aye; Whitt, aye; Patel, aye.

II. DISCUSSION

A. Select Board and School Committee Fiscal Year 2025-2029 Capital Planning Forum. Concord CFO, Anthony Ansaldi, reviewed the Tier I, II and III Capital Improvement Plan. He reviewed investment policy, Tiers, 5 years of unvetted totals by town department, projects requested within each department, requested projects by Tier, and funding plan by Tiers. Regarding Tier 1 projects, he stated that they would be short about \$1.9 million of funding the requests. He stated that they would be short about \$3.9 million for Tier II projects. He stated that they were meeting with department heads to determine what could be deferred out a year, and shared the updated requested amounts. He then shared the Tier I and Tier II funding plans.

Ms. Lafleur stated that the school's \$900,000 was showing as Tier II, but she believes some of the items may be Tier I. Dr. Hunter stated that the district had not been asked to review the plan, noting that the \$900,000 has been a long standing practice during her tenure. She stated that she would be happy to review the capital plan if needed. Ms. Lafleur stated that she believed the issue was with how the projects were being funded. Ms. Hartman stated that the \$900,000 was originally intended years ago to keep the school buildings sound, but she felt it was now being used for operating expenses, such as desks. She noted her concern that investments were not being made in building improvements, such as the boilers. Dr. Hunter stated that they were in the midst of a facilities study, funded in the \$900,000 at last Town Meeting. She stated that it would be a comprehensive study of all K-5 buildings and Ripley to identify and prioritize areas of need, noting that they have not brought forth any large-scale items while waiting for the results of the study. Ms. Hartman asked if the Alcott boilers would be included in the study and asked if the town's sustainability was included in conversations. Dr. Hunter stated that they want to have those conversations going forward, noting that the boiler has many years of life in it. Ms. Lafleur stated that she was not seeing anything in the school's capital plan that was operating.

Ms. Lafleur reviewed the public works complex capital needs. She spoke about the concept of long-term recapture and repurpose budget savings to pay cash for future road maintenance.

Public Comment:

1. Court Booth. Mr. Booth stated that he was not speaking for the SC, but noted that the SC had not thoroughly discussed the recent work done on the capital plan recommendation by the Superintendent. He stated that he would like to have these conversations.

2. Wendy Rovelli, 42 Bow Street, Concord. Ms. Rovelli asked if there was funding for the Beede Center roof replacement and was told it was part of the Beede enterprise, which had not been included yet in the capital document.

The Select Board and SC agreed to meet again to discuss capital projects again in January/February.

III. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Marano adjourned the CCSC meeting at 7:52 PM and Ms. Anderson then adjourned the CSC meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Erin E. Higgins

Approved: 1.9.24