

TOWN OF MADISON

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MEETING DATE: Thursday January 14, 2021

MEETING PLACE: via Zoom

Capital Improvement Program Committee

Members Present: Judith Hession-Friedman (BOF) Chair, Justin Murphy (BOF), Erin Duques (BOS), Scott Murphy (BOS), Katie Stein (BOE), Galen Cawley (BOE), Gus Horvath (BOF– Resident), Kevin Schroeder (BOS-Resident)

Not Present: Joan Walker (BOE-Resident)

Other Present: Stacy Nobitz (Director of Finance), Kristen Bartosic (Finance Office), Bill McMinn (Director of Facilities), Dr. Cooke (Superintendent of Schools), Jean Fitzgerald (BOF,Chair)

Approve Minutes

Moved: by Ms. Stein and seconded by Mr. Scott Murphy to approve the minutes of January 7,2021

Vote: 5-1. Ms. Duques abstained

Chairman Comments

No comments

Committee & Citizen Comments

No comments

- **Capital and Non-Recurring Projects – BOE**

Mr. Cawley began by acknowledging Mr. McMinn for the helpful guidance he has provided to the BOE through their process of addressing the facility needs of our schools. Mr. Cawley stated the BOE has a modest ask for Year 1 of the CIP in light of all that needs to be accomplished throughout the district. Mr. Cawley introduced Dr. Cooke to the Committee.

- **BOE Facilities 10 Year Maintenance Plan**

Mr. McMinn focused his discussion on the projects in Year 1 (FYE 2022).

- **Security**

- Details will not be discussed in Public. The funding is there to continue to improve the safety of our school buildings as necessary.

- **Brown & Polson Entrance Modification Interior & Sidewalk Replacement**

- These projects will improve building security and adhere to ADA requirements. Ms. Friedman was part of the Tri-Board Facilities Committee and clarified that these projects were chosen to be included in CIP now because these areas will not be affected by the 4 School Model Referendum. Ms. Stein stated there are needs at all of the schools. Mr. Scott Murphy asked if the referendum should pass how long until we would have new schools. Mr. McMinn speculates approximately 3-5 years. Mr. McMinn assured the Committee that all school facilities will be maintained during that time period.

- **BOE Facilities 4 School Model Project**

Mr. McMinn stated again that there are no projects in Year 1 of the CIP for Jeffrey or Ryerson in the event the referendum should pass. Mr. Horvath asked what is the plan if the referendum fails. Ms. Nobitz referred to the Plan B 10 Year Maintenance Plan (Page 121 in CIP document). This plan has a 10-year cost for all schools of \$98,879,525.

Mr. Cawley pointed out that the 4 School Model will save approximately \$1million/yr in operating costs and avoid \$30 million for repairs on Jeffrey and Ryerson. Dr. Cooke reminded us that the Town may be eligible for partial State reimbursement for the construction.

Mr. Justin Murphy voiced his concerns regarding the cost transparency of the projects.

Plan A - \$84.9 mil (Renov. Polson & Brown & New PreK-5)
+ \$47 mil (Remaining 10yr Maint. Plan)
\$131.9 mil

Plan B - \$98.9 mil (Referendum Fails, 10 Year Maint. Plan)

○ **Other Projects in BOE Facilities 10 Year Plan**

▪ **DHHS Track Replacement**

Ms. Friedman spoke on behalf of Ms. Walker in reiterating Ms. Walker's request for a reserve fund to be set up for Turf Field Replacement. Ms. Friedman believes the DHHS Track project would fit under this reserve. Ms. Fitzgerald stated she believes the field replacement projects can remain in the CNRE as it is the Town's planning tool and we do not need another fund. Ms. Friedman said she would support a new fund in CIP for the fields. Ms. Stein said there are many expenditures related to athletics in the future. Ms. Nobitz stated her belief that these items remain in the CNRE. Mr. McMinn said the Turf Fields have approximately a 10 year replacement schedule.

Citizens Comments

No comments

Adjourned 6pm