

BROOKLINE SCHOOL BOARD
JUNE 12, 2019
PUBLIC HEARING
MEETING MINUTES

A public hearing was conducted by the Brookline School Board on Wednesday, June 12, 2019 at 7:03 p.m. at the Captain Samuel Douglass Academy.

Matthew Maguire, Chairman, presided:

Members of the Board Present: Kenneth Haag, Vice Chairman
Rebecca Howie, Secretary
Alison Marsano
Erin Sarris (arrived at 7:04 p.m.)

Members of the Board Absent:

Also in Attendance: Andrew Corey, Superintendent
Gina Bergskaug, Assistant Superintendent
Kristen Maher, Assistant Business Administrator
Dennis Dobe, Principal, Captain Samuel Douglass Academy
Daniel Molinari, Principal, Richard Maghakian Memorial School

PUBLIC HEARING

**SCHOOL BUILDING MAINTENANCE
EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND**

In accordance with [RSA 198:20-c](#), Superintendent Corey provided an explanation of proposed expenditure(s) from the Brookline School Building Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund.

During this year's budget process, items were identified to come from the School Building Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund (Fund). Some of the items came directly off the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) and others from the Technology Plan. There was a conscience decision to begin to look at this as an expendable trust for maintenance as well as infrastructure around technology.

At the 2019 Budget Hearing, the Brookline School Board recommended that the funding source for these particular items be the Fund. The voters approved the Board's recommendation during the 2019 voting session.

CSDA	Replace Building Wireless	\$20,000
	Playground Study	5,000 (to develop an improvement plan)
	Exterior Doors	5,000
	Cameras - 20% of Grant	9,236 (still on the PSIF waiting list)
	Server	<u>7,500</u>
		\$46,736

RMMS	Playground – Phase 2	\$ 10,000
	Gym Bathroom Flooring	9,000
	Boiler Replacement	8,500
	Cameras - 20% of Grant	8,553 (still on the PSIF waiting list)
	Server	<u>7,500</u>
		\$ 43,553

Total \$ 90,289

Current Balance:	\$94,543
To be add in FY20:	50,000
FY20 Expenditures:	<u>90,289</u>
Resulting Balance:	\$54,254

Ms. Marsano questioned the 20% matching funds for the cost of the cameras. Specifically; if the grant applications are not successful, will that project be pulled. Superintendent Corey stated that would be the case, and the funds would remain in the Fund.

With regard to the \$5,000 proposed allocation for a playground study, Ms. Marsano questioned what would be gained from the expenditure.

Principal Dobe spoke of site concerns with the playground area. The study has to do more with erosion/drainage issues with the access road. There may also be soil testing. The cost is what is anticipated to have a study conducted by qualified engineers. That is anticipated to be the largest portion of that project. Ms. Marsano rephrased the \$5,000 is for an engineering site evaluation. Vice Chairman Haag suggested that to be the terminology that should be used to provide the necessary understanding of the expenditure.

Chairman Maguire requested an inventory of boilers inclusive of their age, and any other pertinent information, be provided the Board during budget season. Vice Chairman Haag requested the Board be provided with an update on the CIP; specifically planned expenditures for the next five years. Superintendent Corey stated that would be brought forward prior to the next budget season. He spoke of some of the systems being residential boilers for commercial sites, and suggested the Board may wish to consider a study of energy efficiencies around the boilers, electrical use, etc.

Vice Chairman Haag spoke of knowledge gained through the energy project in the Hollis School District. Chairman Maguire requested a walk-through of the buildings be scheduled to occur prior to budget season. Superintendent Corey indicated that would be scheduled for August. The Finance Committee will be invited to participate.

Ms. Marsano commented, through review of manifests, she is aware of plumbing issues at RMMS that are in remediation. She questioned if there would be revenue from that, which would go into the Fund. Principal Molinari stated his belief the issue has been resolved. There were plumbing issues in the kitchen area. There are two bathrooms that have septic tanks that run into the kitchen plumbing. There was some snaking out of the pipes. On three different occasions, plumbers were called in to dig deeper to ensure proper flow. Ms. Marsano commented the manifests noted the potential for major repairs over the summer. Principal Molinari stated the school is in good shape at this time. Vice Chairman Haag suggested that to be an item to be considered for the CIP. Principal Molinari spoke of the current condition, and his belief that would not be needed.

Chairman Maguire opened the floor for public testimony.

TESTIMONY IN FAVOR - None

TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION - None

TESTIMONY IN FAVOR - None

TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION - None

MOTION BY MEMBER HAAG TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING

MOTION SECONDED BY MEMBER MARSANO

MOTION CARRIED

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The Public Hearing was declared closed at 7:13 p.m.

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