

## **Minutes – Wayland School Committee Finance Subcommittee June 9, 2021**

A meeting of the School committee’s Finance subcommittee was called to order at 8:54 AM by Chris Ryan. WayCAM may have recorded the meeting and it was livestreamed via ZOOM. The meeting was conducted remotely due to the COVID-19 health pandemic and according to the revised open meeting law that allows remote participation. A roll call was taken:

Roll Call	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Chris Ryan, Chair	X	
Jeanne Downs	X	

Present remotely were:

Chris Ryan, Chair  
Jeanne Downs

Also present remotely:

Dr. Omar Easy, School Superintendent  
Susan Bottan, Business Administrator  
Louise Miller, Town Administrator

### **1. Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

### **2 . Discussion of Capital Projects**

- a. Louise Miller provided an update on capital projects explaining the information provided to BoS in their packet at a recent meeting. It was explained that projects are done in priority order and when issues arise the focus is based on priority.
- b. Louise reported that the Loker roof project is delayed due to supply chain issues and materials.
- c. Louise reported that the playground projects went out to bid but none were received as the advertised amount is too low. After further research and discussion with parents, Louise wants to go back and find additional funding to expand the coverage of the poured in place. Town is asking the school department and committee to find the balance of the funding which is estimated to be \$65,000 - \$85,000. Jeanne asked if that estimate was the total supplemental funding and Louise confirmed. Discussion ensued regarding the sources of funding which were identified as grants, CPA funds, PTO contributions, Wayland Education Foundation contributions. The balance was believed to be coming from the BASE program; however, that was not an option. Chris asked for clarification of what portion of the funding Louise is asking the school department to provide and Louise determined it to be \$35,000 - \$50,000. Dr. Easy described the project as an ADA compliance Capital Project and questioned the suggestion that the school operating funds would be used for capital projects. Various options were discussed to fund the balance. Everyone agreed that the playground projects are a high priority but a conclusion on funding the balance was not reached. Chris asked for clarification on the project timeline and Louise said that the contractors indicated that it is still on schedule and the playgrounds will be ready before the start of school. Discussion concluded with the suggestion that Louise and the School Department would meet and discuss additional ideas.
- d. Jeanne asked Louise what date we would know which capital projects on the list will not be addressed during the summer and Louise indicated that she would know at the end of June.

- e. Discussion ensued regarding the Loker Roof project and shortage of materials. Update to be provided to PMBC and further information to be provided at the end of June. If the roof work cannot be done summer of 2021 it would have to be done during summer of 2022.

**3. Administrative Matters**

- a. Future meeting dates were discussed as being Tuesday, June 29, 2021.

**4. Matters Not Anticipated by the Chair**

- a. Susan asked Louise about the status of HVAC units not working at some schools. Louise didn't have an update but explained HVAC specialists are working on it. Louise indicated she would follow up and provide Susan an update.

**5. Approval of Minutes**

- a. None to approve

**6. Adjournment**

Upon a motion made by Chris Ryan, seconded by Jeanne Downs, the Finance subcommittee voted (2-0) by roll call to adjourn the meeting at 9:51 AM.

Chris Ryan	Yes
Jeanne Downs	Yes

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Ryan