

**Special School Board Meeting  
Merrimack School District, SAU #26  
Wednesday, December 2, 2020  
Remote Meeting**

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**Present:** Chair Guagliumi, Vice Chair Barnes, Board Members Schneider, Rothhaus, and Hardy. Also present were Superintendent McLaughlin, Assistant Superintendent for Business Shevenell, and Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction Fabrizio.

**1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance**

Chair Guagliumi called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Chair Guagliumi led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**2. Review of Protocols for Public Participation**

Chair Guagliumi stated public comments could be sent to [publiccomment@sau26.org](mailto:publiccomment@sau26.org) or by going to sau26.org where a meeting link was provided. She said all comments would be read and written into the record but noted the name and address of the speaker had to be provided.

**3. Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

**4. School Board Review of Proposed 2021 – 2022 Capital Improvement Plan**

Assistant Superintendent for Business Shevenell reviewed the Capital Improvement Plan over a ten-year period to provide what Capital Expenditures to expect in the future and what the driving factors were.

Assistant Superintendent for Business Shevenell stated the roof repairs at both the James Masticola Elementary School and the James Masticola Upper Elementary School were approved by the board in 2020-2021; however, it was later determined those repairs could wait until 2022 – 2023.

Assistant Superintendent for Business Shevenell said they were patching portions of the roof at the high school and the repairs were being paid for from the maintenance budget.

Mr. Tom Touseau, Director of Maintenance, addressed the Board and said they would have to perform small sections of roof repairs on both the James Masticola Elementary School and the James Masticola Upper Elementary School but agreed they could wait to replace the roofs until 2022 – 2023 at a cost of approximately \$655,805.

Assistant Superintendent for Business Shevenell said he estimated \$400,000 to update ventilation in ten classrooms per school year beginning in 2021 – 2022 through 2030 – 2031. He noted that he added a percentage of money to each year due to inflation. Assistant Superintendent for Business Shevenell said if the Board wanted to bond the project then he felt the year 2023 – 2024 would be the time to do it. (Ventilation related to airflow and not air conditioning.)

Assistant Superintendent for Business Shevenell stated the bleachers were a Warrant Article in 2020 – 2021. The School Board chose not to use the money but to return it as surplus to the taxpayers instead. He noted the James Masticola Upper Elementary School bleachers and the all-purpose room wooden floor appeared on the Capital Improvement Plan in the year 2022 – 2023 at a cost of approximately \$300,000.

Assistant Superintendent for Business Shevenell commented the boilers at the James Masticola Elementary School were replaced a few years ago for about \$400,000. He said the newer models allowed for back-up in that if one went down the other one could bear the load of both. He said the boilers at the high school were scheduled to be replaced in 2026 – 2027 on the Capital Improvement Plan.

Assistant Superintendent for Business Shevenell stated they moved the replacement of outside windows at the high school 2023 – 2024 (\$333,667), and the high school courtyard windows (\$359,417) to 2025-2026.

Assistant Superintendent for Business Shevenell said the Planning and Building Committee added the turf field to the Capital Improvement Plan for the year 2024 – 2025 with a price to be determined. He noted a petition warrant article for a turf field failed.

Assistant Superintendent for Business Shevenell said the Planning and Building Committee added the Master Plan/SAU Office Study to the Capital Improvement Plan with a date to be determined. He added the Master Plan/SAU Office Study was set aside, in part, due to COVID.

Superintendent McLaughlin commented that relative to the function of a Capital Improvement Plan there was a difference between a cost associated with a master plan study and a cost associated with whatever the results of that study talked about in terms of future construction. He felt it could be broken out a little bit differently on the Capital Improvement Plan.

## **5. Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

At approximately 9:00 p.m. Vice Chair Barnes moved (seconded by Board Member Rothhaus) to adjourn.

**The motion passed 5 – 0 – 0.**