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DEPT./BOARD: Capital Budget Committee

DATE: May, 5, 2020

TIME: 7:00 P.M.

PLACE: Virtual meeting via webex

AGENDA

1. Review of School Dept. Capital project requests for FY 2021

2. Discussion of all CBC recommendations in light of current economic uncertainties.

7:00 PM - 10:00 PM Tuesday, May 5 2020 (UTC-04:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada)

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Town of Burlington  Capital Budget Committee

**Minutes of the Capital Budget Committee
Meeting of May 5, 2020**

1. Chairman Zabolotny called the May 5, 2020 Capital Budget Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Webex meeting.

Members Present: Ernest Zabolotny, Adam Senesi, Gary Mercier, and Mark Woods.
Other attendees: Bob Cunha and Roger Riggs

Adam Senesi read the Selectmen approve disclaimer for virtual meetings and all votes were made by roll call.

Review of School Committee capital budget requests for 2020

§ Article 21-01 Interactive Technology To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$ 85,000 or some other amount, to be expended at the direction of the School Committee, to purchase interactive technology, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, and to determine whether such amount should be raised by taxation, transfer from available funds, by borrowing or otherwise, or to take any other action relative thereto.

CBC voted 4-0 to recommend favorably to TM. It was considered that student involvement with such equipment would be beneficial to their learning and retention process.

Article 21-02 Marshall Simonds Boiler Repair To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$ 125,000 or some other amount, to be expended at the direction of the School Committee, to pay for the repair of a faulty boiler and other HVAC system, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, and to determine whether such amount should be raised by taxation, transfer from available funds, by borrowing or otherwise, or to take any other action relative thereto.

The CBC voted 4-0 to support this article. The boiler to be replaced is currently inoperative and therefore does not provide any back up capability or reserve capacity should there be any operating problems in the other two units. It was concluded that this project should proceed with the understanding that there may be some discretion applied as to schedule depending on State school attendance policy. G. Mercier asked for information regarding boiler maintenance records which Mr. Cunha said he would provide.

\$ Article 21-3 Varsity Field replacement To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$ 500,000 or some other amount, to be expended at the direction of the School Committee, to pay for the replacement of Varsity turf field, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, and to determine whether such amount should be raised by taxation, transfer from available funds, by borrowing or otherwise, or to take any other action relative thereto.

CBC voted 0-4 not to support this article on the basis that the current condition of the field does meet utilization requirements and that there is some doubt about whether high School sports would be allowed this fall. It was considered that this project could be reasonably delayed for one or two years.

Article 21-04 Music Department Installs and Upgrades To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$ 50,000 or some other amount, to be expended at the direction of the School Committee, to purchase sound dampening and safety equipment, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, and to determine whether such amount should be raised by taxation, transfer from available funds, by borrowing or otherwise, or to take any other action relative thereto.

The CBC voted 0-4 against this article as written. However, CBC 4-0 for the safety netting portion of the project. Since there has already been an accident, ignoring the potential for recurrence exposes liability issues. Since this element of the project is expected to cost on the order of \$8,000, therefore not subject to review by CBC, it was suggested that it could be covered by an existing operational account.

Article 21-05 Audio Technology Replacement To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$ 100,000 or some other amount to be expended at the direction of the School Committee, to purchase district wide classroom audio equipment, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, and to determine whether such amount should be raised by taxation, transfer from available funds, by borrowing or otherwise, or to take any other action relative thereto.

CBC voted 2-2 to recommend in favor of this article to TM. Members were equally split on the question of whether this is an item that could be delayed given the current circumstances or whether the project should go ahead on the basis that failing equipment should be replaced since it cannot be reasonably maintained and that proceeding now may be less costly. The opposed votes were A.Senesi and M.Woods.

Article 21- 06 MSMS Auditorium Equipment and Safety Upgrades To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$ 350,000 or some other amount, to be expended at the direction of the School Committee, to purchase auditorium equipment and safety upgrades at Marshall Simonds, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, and to determine whether such amount should be raised by taxation, transfer from available funds, by borrowing or otherwise, or to take any other action relative thereto.

CBC voted 0-4 against this article as written. However, we voted 4-0 in favor of doing the curtain rigging and lighting portions of the project based on safety considerations. We recommend that the article be amended to reflect that change in scope and cost.

Article 21-07 Memorial Playground Resurface To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$ 50,000 or some other amount, to be expended at the direction of the School Committee, to resurface the Memorial playground, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, and to determine whether such amount should be raised by taxation, transfer from available funds, by borrowing or otherwise, or to take any other action relative thereto.

CBC voted 4-0 in favor of this article, primarily to remove safety concerns with the existing surface. In addition, G. Mercier asked that the condition of the field at Memorial School be reviewed as to drainage efficacy. The field retains water for some time after rains indicating that the drainage system is not functioning properly.

Article 21-08 Marshall Simonds Exterior Bathroom To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$ 25,000 or some other amount, to be expended at the direction of the School Committee, to renovate 2 exterior bathrooms at Marshall Simonds, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, and to determine whether such amount should be raised by taxation, transfer from available funds, by borrowing or otherwise, or to take any other action relative thereto.

CBC voted 3-1 in favor of this project. Some concern was expressed over access to the facility and appropriate distribution of maintenance cost. It was also observed that this project could be a good candidate for postponement on the basis that it is a “want” and not a “need”. Opposed vote was by A Senesi.

Article 21-09 Water Bubbler Replacement To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$ 50,000 or some other amount, to be expended at the direction of the School Committee, to purchase and install water dispensing units, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, and to determine whether such amount should be raised by taxation, transfer from available funds, by borrowing or otherwise, or to take any other action relative thereto.

CBC vote 4-0 in support of this article on the prospect for improved health and hygiene practice for students.

Article 21-10 Security Camera Replacement and Upgrades To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$ 75,000 or some other amount, to be expended at the direction of the School Committee, to purchase and install new and replacement security cameras and systems, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, and to determine whether such amount should be raised by taxation, transfer from available funds, by borrowing or otherwise, or to take any other action relative thereto.

CBC voted 4-0 in favor of this article on the basis of improving safety conditions.

Article 21-11 Curriculum To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$ 90,000 or some other amount, to be expended at the direction of the School Committee, to purchase new curriculum, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, and to determine whether such amount should be raised by taxation, transfer from available funds, by borrowing or otherwise, or to take any other action relative thereto.

CBC voted 4-0 in support of this article

Article 21-12 Design Work To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$ 100,000 or some other amount, to be expended at the direction of the School Committee, to be used to contract design work, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, and to determine whether such amount should be raised by taxation, transfer from available funds, by borrowing or otherwise, or to take any other action relative thereto.

CBC voted 4-0 in favor of this article and strongly supports detailed project planning for both the High School renovation and elementary school projects.

Article 21-13 Custodial Services. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide the sum of \$ 44,753.10 or any other sum, to be expended under the direction of the Burlington School Committee for the purpose of Community Custodial Fees for the events to be covered for Burlington Scout Organizations. PTO Meetings, Boosters, Citations, Youth Basketball, Youth Volleyball, Youth Baseball Association, Pop Warner, Hockey, Soccer and Skating Associations and other not for profit Burlington Civic Organizations and to act in any manner in relation thereto.

CBC briefly discussed this article and noted that it is usual practice to include the item as an element of CBC review but, as a non Capital item ,CBC does not vote on a recommendation to TM.

Other Business

The need for a meeting with Town Administration to discuss budget impacts of the Public Health crisis was discussed and it was agreed that such a meeting should be held. Mr. Cunha offered to set up a Webex meeting for CBC should that become necessary. E. Zabolotny agreed to arrange a meeting with P. Sagarino.

Adjourn

The Capital Budget Meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.