



Town of Concord Finance Committee
Meeting Minutes – March 10, 2022

Present: Dean Banfield, Kathy Cuocolo, Eric Dahlberg, Greg Guarriello, Mary Hartman, John Hickling, Amirth Kumar, Don Kupka, Dee Ortner, Parashar Patel, Christine Reynolds, Brian Taylor, Lois Wasoff

Others Present: Town Employees, Public Officials and Members of the Public

Motion made and seconded to open the Public Hearing Finance Committee for the ATM FY23 Articles. Motion carried unanimously.

Chair Reynolds opened the Concord Finance Committee Meeting and Public Hearing for March 10, 2022 at 7pm. She stated the meeting is the second of three Public Hearings for ATM article presentations. The third hearing is scheduled for March 17, 2022 at 7pm.

The meeting was being televised and recorded by MMN. The agendas, meeting materials and recordings can be accessed on the Town website under the 2022 Annual Town Meeting section.

Chair Reynolds stated the article presentations on the agenda are the Operating Budget and Capital Project Requests for Minuteman Region Technical High School, Concord Public Schools and Concord-Carlisle Regional High School.

Chair Reynold stated the process, procedures and protocols for the public hearing and participation.

The Finance Committee will move into their regular meeting after the public hearing to review and vote on recommendations for the 2022 Annual Town Meeting Warrant Articles.

• Article 17 Minuteman Regional Technical High School District Budget

Chair Reynold recognized Dr. Edward Bouquillon, Superintendent Minuteman Regional High School presenter for Article 17 Minuteman Regional Technical High School District Budget request.

Superintendent Bouquillon shared a PowerPoint with the preliminary operating budget request for the Minuteman Regional Technical High School stating that the request is preliminary because the school has not yet received funding information from the state as of this date.

The operating and capital budget request for FY23 is 4.96% higher than FY22. And the assessments to members are higher, at about 15.08%. The main drivers for the budget are teacher contracts, health insurance, transportation increases, building utilities CTE supply and material costs and OPEB, field trip/worksites buses, and stabilization.

Budget summary.

- FY23 Operating Request \$22,092,652 – 6.57% above FY22
- FY23 Capital Request \$1,235,608 – 8.89% above FY22
- FY23 MSBA Project Debt \$-5,682,363 – 1.60% below FY22

Concord Preliminary Assessment.

- Minimum required contribution \$562,427

- Transportation Assessment \$33,653
 - Operating Assessment \$ 415,407
 - Debt and Capital Assessment \$84,036
 - Sub-Total \$1,095.523
 - Building Project – Debt Service \$413,021 (debt service excluded from Prop 2 ½ limitation)
- Total - \$1,508,544

The assessment includes enrollment information, staffing additions for FY23, and tech priorities and student credential costs.

Superintendent Bouquillon addressed the building enrollment design to accommodate 800 students by Fall 2023.

- Strategy #1
annually fund capital stabilization account – projected account balance as of July 1, 2022 is \$1,434,600.
- Strategy #2
leverage strategic partnerships and grants.

The OPEB estimated liability as of June 30, 2022 is \$26,124,691.

A study group determined the next 6 years of contributions to budget as

- FY23 \$725,000
- FY24 \$762,000
- FY26 \$1,155,000
- FY27 \$1,215,000
- FY28 \$1,275,000
- \$725,000 on FY23 with 5% increases each year

Plus \$300,000 in FY25 as ESCO lease is retired/off balance sheet

Questions and comments regarding Article 17.

Chair Reynolds asked if there are any changes to the membership group? There are no membership changes this year. Chair Reynolds asked will the new students added to the welding and animal programs impact the assessment? No, but there will need to be the addition of a physical education teacher, special education teacher and science teacher. Chair Reynolds said 15% is a big bump in the Concord Assessment and asked is this the big bump year for Concord, with upcoming years leveling off. This is the bump year, and things will level out as the enrollment allocation is filled.

Ms. Ortner asked about the post-secondary education numbers from the school. Minuteman operates a post-secondary program. The State has been funding the CTI initiative (technical careers) very aggressively. Minuteman offers programs taught at night and Saturdays. All programs are currently full. Students are accepted from membership towns and non-membership towns. Minuteman could receive half million dollars to expand the Technical Institute. The interest is high in the offered programs including being used as a gap year for students. Ms. Ortner asked if information could be provided on what graduating students do such as number of students who go to 4-year colleges, into the labor

market etc.... About 55% of students go to 4-year college, 10% go to a 2-year college, 32 to 38% to the work force and 1 to 2% into the military. The school follows up with students one year post graduation and again after 3 years. The reporting of this data supports receiving federal funding.

Mr. Banfield asked for a statement about COVID funding/CARES funds received and how it was applied to the budget? The school received about \$650,000 to \$700,000 in total. The funding was used to offset the lost cafeteria money, fund parttime counselors, support remote learning for children of staff that were required to teach from the campus and other smaller off sets. Mr. Banfield stated the expansion plan has many buckets to fund the plan. One bucket is \$600,000 of unused authorized funds. He asked what is the governing rule to use unused authorized funds after a project is completed to be used in another project. He continued saying Concord is now building a school and it would not be his hope if the project comes in under budget that the unused authorized funds be used for another project. After reporting surplus funds to the MSBA, project management will indicate the desire to use unused funds to continue the project with components not in the original budget. The example of moving surplus funds to be used on the athletic fields after a school building is complete was cited. The approval to use the unused surplus funds would be approved/granted from the Building Committee, School Committee and MSBA via a motion to grant the request via a vote to use the funds. Mr. Banfield asked for insight regarding the student enrollment, inquiring if there is turnover or additions made to enrollment after the start of a school year? At least 95% of students who start as a freshmen finish and graduate from the school. There are times, although minimal, that transfers are enrolled; done only if there is room and before 10th grade. Students need to be enrolled by 10th in order to finish/meet the required courses/credits to graduate.

Ms. Hartman asked to review the slide on the increase of operating expenses (6.57%). The slide indicates that teacher contracts and steps, along with utilities are the bulk of the increase in the operating budget.

Mr. Taylor asked for confirmation of the number of Concord 8th students who plan to attend Minuteman in the next school year, and asked for an explanation on management of applications of interested students. There were 26 applications, 20 students have accepted. All Massachusetts Regional Technical High Schools were required to update their application/acceptance process. The School Committee managed the update and this is the first year that the new application process is being used. The application process gives a student a rating based on grades, attendance, discipline, recommendation and a personal interview. The first round of acceptance has been done, the school is moving into the second round and a third round may be done if there are open seats. The number of Concord students is based/determined by the agreement the Town makes with the school. There is a maximum enrollment.

Ms. Carmin Reiss, Town Moderator asked that when the Minuteman Regional High School budget is presented at Town Meeting that the slide regarding the per capita cost per Town have more explanation.

Article 18 Concord Public Schools Budget

Chair Reynolds acknowledged Superintendent Dr. Laurie Hunter.

Dr. Hunter stated the schools are in good standing. Mr. Jared Stanton, Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Operations will be presenting the request for the Concord Public Schools Budget and the Concord Public Schools Capital Projects.

Mr. Stanton join the meeting via ZOOM and began the PowerPoint presentations, starting with the Concord Public School Budget request Article 18.

The superintendent's recommended budget for FY23 is \$43,148,899. This amount is an increase of 3.45% over FY22. This is above the Finance Committee guideline by \$312,585.

The drivers for the recommended budget.

- Administration (office, IT staff) \$1,670,295
- Instructional Leadership (teachers, school supplies etc.) \$34,009,410
- Other School Services (buses, nurses, special ed transportation) \$2,991,462
- Maintenance (new contract with custodian) \$3,447,479
- Fixed Charges (retirement, sick leave buy back) \$337,355
- Community Services \$106,948
- Fixed Assets (new bus leases, 10-year plan) \$310,433
- Programs with other Districts \$275,517

The School Department has identified FY23 Budget Drivers by expense

- Salary-Teachers \$1,326,853 (5.8%)
- Salary-Assistants/Tutors \$321,158 (8.39%)
- Transportation \$125,196 (21.56%)
- Case (\$110,299)
- Special Ed Other (\$14,897)
- Salary-Non-Union \$60,896 (7.85%)
- Salary -Administration \$103,043 (15.33%)
- Salary-Custodial/Maintenance \$459,281 (4.37%)
- Salary-Principals/Asst. Principals \$52,962 (3.99%)
- Contract Services \$53,248 (4.32%)
- Stipends-Teachers \$52,662 (60.05%)

Total Drivers FY23 Budget Drivers \$2,150,750

The School Department has identified FY23 Budget Savings by expense

- Special Education Tuitions -\$603,459 (-68.65%)
- Special Ed Tuitions -\$366,680
- IDEA Grant Offset -\$67,000
- Circuit Breaker Offset -\$169,779
- Sick Leave/Early Retirement -\$142,780 (-36.19%)
- Curriculum Instruction -\$110,243 (-36.26%)

Total Cost Savings \$856,482

The FY23 budget request for FTE'S is \$35,625,489. The cafeteria workers are not included in the request because the staff is self-funded in non-COVID times.

There are grant and revolving account monies to offset salaries. The totals are METCO \$445,111, Special Education METCO Grant \$90,000, Title 1 Grant \$139,556 and Preschool Tuition Revolving Account \$140,000.

The FY23 Special Education Tuitions

Non-Public	\$1,258,222
Collaborative	\$249,295
Tuition Total	\$1,507,517

Offsets

Circuit Breaker	\$725,000
IDEA Grant	\$507,000
Offsets Total	\$1,232,000

There is a possibility that there may be FY22 monies from the circuit breaker to cover overages if needed. The number of out of district special education students is only 14 students, the special education department has done a good job keeping students in district which results in savings.

There are savings in hiring a new teacher for a retiring teacher.

The transportation FTE's drivers. Concord Routes, 19.37, METCO Routes, 3.68, Private Schools 3.68. Total 26.73.

The FY23 requested preschool budget is \$1,200,695 which is an increase of \$6,562 over the FY22 budget. Salaries being the driver of the increase. The FY23 District Wide elementary budget request is \$1,592,807 which is an increase of \$215,089. There is a reduction in the school nursing budget. The FY23 Alcott budget request is \$6,446,744 which is an increase of \$215,089 over the FY22 budget. There is a request for a new special education teacher at the Alcott School. The FY23 Thoreau budget request is \$7,230,452 which is an increase over the FY22 budget. It was noted the need for an additional kindergarten section because of enrollment projections. The FY23 Willard budget request is \$6,566,424 which is a decrease of \$48,410 from the FY22 budget. There are teachers that are moving from this location to the middle school accounting in part for the decrease. The FY23 Middle School budget request is \$8,328,539 which is an increase of \$636,806 over the FY22 budget. There are increases in the special education and other moving parts in foreign language instruction.

The District Wide budget request demonstrates the consolidation of expense lines/budgets throughout the schools. The FY23 District Wide budget request is \$8,444,571 which is an increase of \$153,196 over the FY22 budget.

Questions and comments regarding Article 18 Concord Public Schools Budget

Chair Reynolds asked to confirm the amount of \$650,000 in circuit breaker funds and asked why does the Town has such a high balance in circuit breaker funds. The \$650,000 was carried over from FY21. The school department maintains this amount as a contingency/safety for tuitions that may need to be paid during the school year. Having the funds avoids the school having to make a request/have an article to cover new tuition. Chair Reynolds asked what can the funds be used for and is there a reason they are not used. The FY21 funds need to be spent first. But the FY22 funds can be carried over into FY23. The funds can be used for tuition. Mr. Stanton stated the Town should carry over as much as possible because three student tuitions could wipe out the funds. Chair Reynolds asked what is the amount of tuition. Tuition is 1.5 million, there will be some saving with students aging out and students returning to district. Chair Reynolds asked about the \$240,000 for food services and how the funds will be used?

The Director of Food Services is using the funds for department expenses, and some salaries and other allowable uses. The funding is in support of COVID revenue lost. Chair Reynolds questioned the large amount of \$240,000? Mr. Stanton said he inherited the amount stating that in FY20 and FY21 expenses were charged to the general fund.

Ms. Hartman said the general guidelines of the Finance Committee is to keep property taxes at 3%. The Middle School will increase that 3% to 6% or 7%. The school department budget is half of the Town's overall budget, 77% being instructional contracts obligations at about 5%. She asked how do get 5% back to 3%? Superintendent Hunter stated the School Department has been working on ways to support spending less. The retirement plan worked very well resulting in savings. The special education costs continued to be a focus, working on keeping students in district for savings. This year's plan is to work on having the middle schoolers/8th remain in district. This has a financial impact this year, but will have savings in following years. The Zero-Base Budget process has had a successful impact in the budget process. The salaries, in Concord as in all other districts are about a 4% to 6% increase in the budget. The Town does have many teachers at the top of their pay; therefore, they are only receiving COLA increases. Ms. Ortner asked Mr. Stanton if there were any unanticipated drivers for this budget request? There were no surprises. Superintendent Hunter stated it was nice after two years of COVID having a budget process with fewer moving pieces and more predictability. Ms. Ortner asked there are any fears that would affect the budget? Supplies and material costs are not controllable, transportation costs and utilities/gas could likely have increases, inflation is the main concern. Ms. Ortner asked about electricity? Mr. Stanton said the usage data from the last two years is not reliable data as to what the Town should be looking at for usage. He said the school department looked at FY19, increased by 5% as a placeholder/ best estimate. FY24 will have FY23 data for a better understanding of electrical use.

Mr. Kupka asked if the contract services consolidation process resulted in a decrease in the budget requests from the individual schools? The consolidation of services has been a three-year project. There should only be one line for each item, i.e., special education. There is a decrease to each individual school budget because of the consolidation. Mr. Kupka asked why the Alcott and Thoreau schools have increases and Willard has basically remained level? The increases at Alcott and Thoreau are due to staff needs because of required services and needs regarding special education. Mr. Kupka asked if there was an apples-to-apples information indicating the increases and decreases from FY22 to FY23? Mr. Stanton said the School Department Budget Book has been released. The appendix shows the actuals budgeted line by line for the fiscal year(s). The percent, along with the overall is available in the Budget Book. Previous years' budget books are also available online via the Town website.

Mr. Hickling asked if the net for the salaries and retirement costs was available? Mr. Stanton to get that number would be difficult. The early retirement savings is a projected number, but he thinks the actual number may even be higher than stated. It is difficult to know if someone would take the early retirement incentive. The savings is over time, there is a formula used taking in any factors.

Mr. Hickling asked if the increase of salaries and decrease due to retirements related to one another, stating can the salary increases be lower because of the savings from retirements? Mr. Stanton said the retirement savings is incorporated in the salary budget driver.

Chair Reynolds stated the budget is large at \$43 million dollars, and asked how tight is the budget? Superintendent Hunter said there are some risks that have been factored into the budget. The school

department has cut staff via enrollment declines. There are concerns regarding utilities. There have not been cuts in student services, but supplies and materials have been looked at – after COVID supply inventory was high because of non-use.

Mr. Johnston stated the average teacher salary appears to be about \$107,000, which he expressed may be higher than other communities but well deserved because of what teachers do. But he thought other salaries such as for preschool teachers, middle school admins and custodians appear to be high and asked if these salaries are comparable or above market. Superintendent Hunter stated the preschool program is specialized, dealing with special needs and additionally has a higher teacher to student ratio supporting the budget. Mr. Stanton added that the preschool program is also offset by the revolving account. The custodians' salaries are between \$62k and \$65k annually, plus overtime. The head custodians make a bit more, but the pay is competitive with the market and under union contract. The admin staff positions are competitive with the market and also under the secretarial union contract.

Ms. Reiss, Town Moderator commented on the presentation size and possible changes for Town Meeting presentation. Superintendent Hunter stated the School Department will be happy to work Ms. Reiss for the best presentation for the ATM. Mr. Stanton stated the tonight's Finance Committee presentation is longer and very comprehensive, saying his practice has been to shorten and condense the presentation to about 6 slides for Town Meeting.

• Article 19 Concord Public Schools Capital Projects

Mr. Stanton began the PowerPoint presentation for the Concord Public Schools Capital Project requests.

The total request is for \$900k and the capital budget is managed under the Town Manager's office.

The Projects include:

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| • Carpet and Tile Replacement at all Elementary Schools | \$55,000 |
| • Boiler and controls at Alcott | \$350,000 |
| • Playground upgrades at Thoreau | \$55,000 |
| • Floor Replacement at Ripley | \$140,000 |
| • Paving/Sidewalk Replacements at Ripley | \$200,000 |
| • Middle School Contingency | \$100,000 |

Questions and Comments for Article 19 Concord Public Schools Capital Projects.

Mr. Banfield inquired if there was any thought into replacing the boiler at Alcott with equipment that addresses climate change and/or energy efficiency? Mr. Stanton said yes, but he did not have information on how it was addressed, but could get the information. The replacement boiler will be energy efficient resulting in savings.

Mr. Kupka asked if Middle School Contingency funds is actually a "Capital Project"? Adding spending money on work at the school building may not be wise because of the new build. Superintendent Hunter said the bare minimum is done at the Middle School, as the building will be coming off line.

Chair Reynolds asked why the funds were not requested as a maintenance and repair line item? The contingency funds are for repairs not yet identified, but meet the definition of a capital project because

the funds will be used only if the repair/maintenance/replacement is \$25k to \$50 and is under the definition of life, health and safety maintenance and replacement.

Article 20 Appropriation to Stabilization Fund

Ms. Reynolds moves that the Town vote to transfer \$1,000,000 from Overlay Surplus, and transfer \$500,000 from Free Cash, for a total transfer of \$1,500,000 to the Middle School stabilization fund.

Provided background information.

- September 2020, \$2 million in free cash was used to establish a Middle School Stabilization Fund
- November 2021, Board of Assessors declared \$1 million of overlay surplus
- February 2022, Town approved \$102,816,000 for Concord Middle School Project.

The Middle School build will double the debt service payments in 2022 to residents, with the median tax bill growing by \$1,000 for school projects.

The Finance Committee recommends a stabilization fund of \$5 million and requests the transfer of \$1 million of Overlay surplus and \$500,000 of free cash to the stabilization fund for a balance of \$3.5 million allowing a more gradual increase in taxes.

Questions and comments for Article 20.

Ms. Reiss asked that the graphic/visual aid that she has seen be made available and added to the presentation for Town Meeting.

• Article 21 Concord-Carlisle Regional High School Budget

The recommended budget request for FY23 is \$36,541,181. This amount is an increase of 2.190% over FY22 budget.

The driving functions for the recommended budget.

Administration	\$1,665,792
Instructional Leadership	\$19,623,072
Other School Services	\$2,813,249
Maintenance	\$2,025,783
Fixed Charges	\$3,850,817
Community Services	\$452,524
Fixed Assets	\$4,107,192
Programs with other Districts	\$2,002,752
Total budget request is	\$36,541,181

The High School has identified FY23 Budget Drivers by expense

- Special Education Tuitions \$417,339 (27.20%)
- Salaries \$376,61800 (2.60%)
- Support Staff \$80,737 (4.5%)
- Insurance \$73,731 (3.48%)
- Salary -Administration \$69,395 (16.68%)
- Salary-Assistants/Tutors \$67,6800 (6.02%)

- Salary-Bus Drivers \$53,687, (13.56)
- Vehicles \$53,311 (14.06%)
- Total Expense Drivers FY23 \$1,192,498

The High School has identified FY23 Budget Savings by expense

- Contracted Transportation -237,819 (-35.47%)
- Contracted Services -121,229 (-12.77%)
- Leases -111,000 (-91.36%)
- Debt -84,720 (-2.02%)
- Total Cost Savings \$554,768

The FY23 FTE's request is \$21,68,086, \$741,473 increase over FY22.

The grants and revolving accounts to offset salaries and expenses.

- METCO Grant Salaries \$381,297
- Campus Monitors \$50,000

The special education costs for FY23.

FY23 Special Education Tuitions

Type

- Non-Public \$2,635,198
- Collaborative \$411,522

Total \$3,046,720

Offsets

- Circuit Breaker -785,235
- IDEA Grant -310,000

Total -\$1,095,238

For FY23 36 students are predicted to be out of region.

The DOR has not yet certified E&D. The estimated E & D is \$1,775,769 (4.9%).

The possible retirements for the region side are a predicted a savings of \$135,198 in FY23. The employee benefits and funding can be found in the Budget Book available online via the Town website.

There are 22 buses used by the region, two new bus leases are under contract. Driver FTE's CCRSD routes 12.85 and MERCO routes 2.38 total 12.85.

The FY23 Health Insurance costs active employees \$1,473,750 and retired employees \$341,880.

The debt service of the high school continues to drop. The final payment will be made in 2028.

Mr. Stanton shared slides of a summary of the CARES Act/Essex funds showing the remaining balances and how funds have been spent and/or intended to be spent.

The Chapter 70 and other State funding came in higher than projected. The adjustments have been made to the budget.

The FY23 General Fund estimates

- Chapter 70 State Aid \$3,197,882
- Chapter 71 Transportation Reimbursement \$ 725,000
- Excess and Deficiency \$300,000
- Interest \$20,000
- Misc. Revenue \$30,000
- Rental Income \$20,000
- Charter Reimbursement \$1,359

Total \$4,294,24.

The FY23 Assessments use the number of students as of October 1. Concord has 77.41% of the students and Carlisle has 22.59% of the students.

The total budget is \$36,541.181 for Concord.

The assessment without debt in FY23 for Concord is \$21,782.979 an increase of 3.06%, Carlisle \$6,356,769 an increase of 2.53% with a total of \$28,139,748 with an increase of 2.94% over FY22.

The assessment with debt service for Concord is \$24,962,356 an increase of 2.40%, Carlisle \$7,284,584 an increase of 1.88% with a total of \$32,246,940 with an increase of 2.28% over FY22.

Questions and comments for Article 21 Concord-Carlisle Regional High School Budget

Mr. Taylor asked for clarification on the "1000" functions expense driver that is an increase of 30%? The 1000 function is for special education tuition, and the amount is the tuition for three students.

Ms. Ortner asked to review the assessment breakdown between Concord and Carlisle. The percent break out is 77.41% for Concord and 22.59% for Carlisle. The cost without debt service is within guidelines and the cost with debt service is not within guidelines.

Ms. Ortner asked if a 5-year projection on the assessment was available or could be done? The estimates have been. The information will be sent to the committee.

Ms. Ackermann asked to review slide 4 where a 2.60% increase was indicated and questioned why the CPS teacher salaries increase is higher than 5%? The union contracts were recently done. The CPS contract closed the difference between the CCHS and CPS teacher salaries

- **Article 22 – Concord-Carlisle Regional High School FY23 Capital Projects**

Superintendent Hunter stated that as a point of order Carlisle Town Meeting will have also have to pass the capital request. The Carlisle Town Meeting is on April 23, 2022.

Article 22 is to authorize borrowing for repaving and lighting the access road. A field review conducted by the Town Engineer states that the pavement condition is "poor".

The estimated total cost is \$1,053,665. The stabilization account offset \$200,000 that was voted by the School Committee to use for the project, equaling \$853,665.00 for the work.

The lighting for the access road is estimated at a cost of \$223,100. This includes conduit, light foundation, light posts and lamp heads and wire installation.

The road costs are estimated at \$830,565. This includes catch basins and drainage, 4 manholes, concrete piping, curb and curb removal, granite edging, cement and asphalt.

Pictures indicating the damage were shown. There are concerns regarding safety on the road and sidewalks and limited ADA Accessibility. The first photos dated back to 2019. The photos of the entrances to the property have concerns of safety and accessibility. In 2022 the conditions are considerably worst.

Questions and Comments for Article 22 – Concord-Carlisle Regional High School FY23 Capital Projects

Chair Reynolds asked for the age of the road. Superintendent Hunter could find out, but added the construction of the road predates the school construction.

Chair Reynolds asked to confirm that the Town estimates are current. There were estimates in done 2019, and then again in 2022. The 2022 estimated is what has been presented.

Chair Reynolds asked will the Town be doing the work. The Town will be doing the work with a vendor via a bid. The bid acceptance would be contingent on Town meeting approval.

Ms. Hartman asked if the \$200,000 stabilization offset is for Concord only. Mr. Stanton said the \$200,000 is an offset for the whole project bring the estimated cost to \$853,665. The \$853,665 is the total cost combined for both Concord and Carlisle. Ms. Hartman said the Article states that \$853,665 is the Concord cost/contribution. The Article will be reviewed for correctness.

Ms. Reiss, Town Moderator stated the Article is written correctly asking for the total amount. If approved the Town would then be asked to pay its share. She added the explanation box is incorrect and confusing and should be address. Chair Reynolds asked for share per community be communicated.

Ms. Reiss asked what stabilization account fund is being referenced/used? There was a surplus at the end FY21 in the regional. The \$200,000 of the surplus was voted by the School Committee to be put into this Capital Stabilization Account that was established in 1991. Mr. Stanton confirmed that the use of funds is under the Regional School Committee purview and a vote was taken to use the funds.

Mr. Banfield asked about the outstanding capital project of the bathrooms at the football stadium. Superintendent Hunter said this capital project has been part of discussion regarding capital projects at the capital project meetings. The project is on the radar but variables such as the cost, design and possible waiver to install fewer bathrooms then required by regulations are still being worked out.

Chair Reynolds stated that was the last of the presentations for the hearings.

Chair Reynold adjourned the public hearings.