

THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY THE BOARD OF FINANCE

The Board of Finance held their regular meeting on Thursday, October 23, 2014 in the Council Chambers at the Municipal Center, 3 Primrose Street, Newtown, CT. Chairman John Kortze called the meeting to order at 7:30pm.

Present: John Kortze, Harry Waterbury, James Filan, Mike Portnoy, John Godin, Joseph Kearney, James Filan

Also Present: First Selectman Pat Llodra, Director of Finance Bob Tait, Bob Merola, BOE Chair Keith Alexander, Superintendent Dr. Erardi, Kathy Hamilton

VOTER COMMENTS: NONE

COMMUNICATIONS: A series of communications are attached (Attachment A). It includes the original letter from the BOE and the Superintendent dated 10/8/14 requested the 3.6 million dollar appropriation. Another dated 10/22/14 where the BOE rescinded the previous request for the appropriation. As well as other correspondence.

MINUTES – Mr. Kearny moved to approve the minutes of the 9/8/14 meeting. Mr. Godin seconded, motion unanimously approved.

FIRST SELECTMANS REPORT – Danbury Hall is successfully removed. This will be a positive impact for the visual of the campus. The Ambulance garage opened. The building was constructed with no tax dollars. The parent connection is in the final stage of reviewing their plan. They are hoping that the \$500,000 grant that they have will be enough to do the work. Sandy Hook School site work started yesterday. The first task is to compact the soil because the building is not located at the same foot print as the last building. There has been a series of neighborhood meetings to help the neighbors in that area understand the work. The Strategic Facility Committee had their first meeting.

FINANCE DIRECTOR REPORT – Mr. Tait put forth latest town budget summary report (Attachment B). Mr. Tait explained that the Highway Department has started using the requisition system. They are the first to start and they are doing well. Next week they will start the Police Department on the system. Back in March the Legislative Council passed a resolution asking Mr. Tait to produce a list of positions and earnings. The Town's list is complete once the BOE list is complete they are going to merge them. It will have position, department, regular pay, overtime pay, other types of pay and some notes. This is for 13/14 and will be updated yearly and posted on the website.

NEW BUSINESS

Budget Timetable – Mr. Kearny moved to approve the budget timetable as presented. Mr. Godin seconded, motion unanimously accepted. Mr. Kortze announced that November 19th, they will have a joint meeting with LC and BOE for a joint budget presentation as an overview as to what to expect. This gives the BOE time to get the data on the new enrollment study.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

CIP – On the November 19th the CIP will be presented to the LC (Attachment C). The changes from the first CIP received are essentially the removal of the sidewalks and at Mrs. Llodra's request they have been put back in. Removal of the Halwley School HVAC and the High School Auditorium is now in the 15/16 CIP for the full amount. There was a concern about the demolition and there was great concern about the roads. .

Mrs. Llodra has ongoing conversations with the Fred Hurley, Director of Public Works about the bonding of roads. Mr. Hurley's concern is that we have such a history of delamination and it is unwise to invest in that many roads at one time if they will not last the 20 years. Until the state responds to the issue of the product failure, they prefer the incremental approach.

The three very large buildings, Cannon, Kent and Shelton are what they are focused on now. They will probably cost about \$3.5 million dollars to demolish. They will be better able to refine those numbers as they execute the \$250,000 EPA Brownfield grant. That money will be used to do some finer review of the materials in the buildings to develop the abatement plan. There is \$3.5 million in each of the first three years of the CIP. She stopped at 3 because there are also so many other things that are happening and so many moving parts in the CIP. For the first time in many years there are project place holders that are big items in the CIP. The first year of the CIP, the community center construction. There is the gift from General Electric to begin that process but that is phase 1 of a phase 2 or phase 3 project. These are place holders until they define what phase 2 and phase 3 is they won't know what those resources will require. In year 3, \$500,000 for Police Facility design and the following 2 years is \$5 million each. Community center, senior center and police station are the big projects. They know the need is real but do not know what the construction program will be around those facilities. For the first time Edmond Town Hall and the Library will be in the CIP for years 15/16 and 17/18 for capital investments for those buildings. There is not a specific identification as to what the work is that will be done.

Mr. Alexander articulated that the BOE is looking for the same \$3.6 million in year one of the CIP. This allows them to get the HS auditorium done within 6 months of where they were originally planning.

John Godin moved to approve the CIP and recommend it to the Legislative Council as presented. Mr. Filan seconded, motion unanimously accepted.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – Mr. Kortze thanked Keith Alexander, Kathy Hamilton and Dr. Erardi for their help with this project. He hopes and trusts that this can be a model going forward. One of the common themes he has heard was a general consensus of a strong willingness to support the project. The project is good and the right thing to do.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:28pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Arlene Miles, Clerk

Attachment A

Kortze, John

From: JOHN KORTZE <jkortze@mac.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 23, 2014 8:14 AM
To: Kortze, John
Subject: Fwd: fundamentals of a policy

Begin forwarded message:

Cc: "Tait, Bob" <robert.tait@newtown-Ct.gov>, "Kortze, John" <jkortze@mac.com>
From: Mary Ann Jacob <mjacob4404@charter.net>
Subject: Re: fundamentals of a policy
Date: October 18, 2014 at 10:46:55 AM EDT
To: "pat.llodra@newtown-ct.gov" <pat.llodra@newtown-ct.gov>

I think incorporating policy into this process makes perfect sense. We seem to reinvent the wheel every time we do a project. Would the BOS or building and sure own building this process?

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 17, 2014, at 11:42 AM, "Llodra, Pat" <pat.llodra@newtown-ct.gov> wrote:

Attached here is the timetable and process info I shared last week regarding the hs auditorium project. I am suggesting that we write a Policy for Capital Projects based on these concepts. The core issue being that the process is standard, transparent, subject to review and action at all government levels...and ultimately under the oversight of the PB&S commission, including members of the 'user' group.

Might be a good starting point for us.

Thoughts?

Pat

E. Patricia Llodra
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<HS auditorium project - process info.doc>

Process recommendations and possible timetable for Newtown High School auditorium project.

Bonding resolution to Board of Finance : October 23, 2014

Bonding resolution to Legislative Council : November 5, 2014

Bonding resolution to Board of Selectmen: November 17, 2014

BoS sets date for Town Meeting on appropriation (December 1)

(Five days public notice requirement – advertised in BEE on Nov 21)

Board of Selectmen meeting – December 1, 2014

***Town Meeting**

- Agenda item: Appoint PB&S as Building Committee for the project. Recommend that project committee include BoE Director of Facilities (G. Faiella) and the BoE subcommittee on facilities (K. Hamilton and D. Freedman)

Project Committee (PB&S and BoE facilities director and representatives)

*Execute on RFQ/RFP process

*Along with architect, represent the project with SFU

*Monitor/manage project

Epl Oct 8, 2014

Fwd: Hawley HVAC Phase 3

Tue 9/16/2014 9:08 AM

From: JOHN KORTZE

To: Arlene Miles



I'm not sure if I sent this to you , but it should be part of the minutes.
Thanks

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Kathy Hamilton <KathyLHamilton@att.net>
Date: September 9, 2014 at 7:47:18 AM EDT
To: "Mr. & Mrs. Kortze" <jkortze@mac.com>
Cc: Joe Erardi <erardij@newtown.k12.ct.us>, Ron Bienkowski <Bienkowskir@newtown.k12.ct.us>, David Freedman <dfboenewtown@hotmail.com>
Subject: Hawley HVAC Phase 3

John,

I wanted to follow-up on your question from last night. You asked what the additional cost was for Hawley HVAC Phase 3.

Phase 3A: \$2.65mm

Phase 3B: \$6.99mm

Attached is the project detail:

If you have any additional questions, please let me know.

All my best,

Kathy Hamilton
email: KathyLHamilton@att.net
phone: 203-304-8192
mobile: 203-417-2167

Attachments:

- Hawley HVAC Project Detail.pdf

Capital Improvement Plan
Town of Newtown, Connecticut

'14/'15 thru '18/'19

Department Board of Education
Contact RON BIENKOWSKI, DIREC
Type Building construction/renovatio
Useful Life
Category Buildings
Priority 1 - High

Project #	BOE-1
Project Name	Hawley HVAC Renovations

Description
<p>In response to your request to update the cost estimates for Proposed Phases Two and Three for the Hawley School, please be advised that my estimate for Phase Two includes the HVAC work that was deleted from Phase One. Please recall that the Town directed the B & S C to modify Phase One to include only the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <input type="checkbox"/> The replacement of the boilers in the 1948 Boiler Room.• <input type="checkbox"/> Related Boiler Room modifications.• <input type="checkbox"/> The replacement of the steam radiation and related classroom modifications in the 1948 section of the building. <p>Modified Phase One is presently substantially complete. The final construction cost for Modified Phase One will amount to \$1,175k +/- . I'm not privy to the Town's soft costs that are associated with Modified Phase One but I can imagine the total project cost was about \$1.4 to \$1.5 million.</p> <p>The revised estimate for Phase Two will be comprised of the original Phase Two work combined with the work that was eliminated from the original Phase One. For clarity, the tasks are for both the 1948 & 1997 sections of the building. Therefore, the following is the revised scope of work for Phase Two:</p> <p>MECHANICAL TASKS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <input type="checkbox"/> The provision of new roof top HVAC equipment.• <input type="checkbox"/> Install new horizontal ductwork in 1948 section.• <input type="checkbox"/> Modify ductwork in the 1997 section.• <input type="checkbox"/> Extend new gas service to roof top equipment.• <input type="checkbox"/> Install vertical duct risers.• <input type="checkbox"/> Extend energy management system.• <input type="checkbox"/> Install new fire service.• <input type="checkbox"/> Install new fire suppression system. <p>ELECTRICAL TASKS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <input type="checkbox"/> Replace existing electrical service.• <input type="checkbox"/> Relocate Electrical Service Room.• <input type="checkbox"/> Replace/modify existing electrical distribution panels.• <input type="checkbox"/> Modify existing addressable fire alarm Panel in renovated areas.• <input type="checkbox"/> Modify existing emergency lighting, signage and detection devices.• <input type="checkbox"/> Provide new lighting in areas renovated.• <input type="checkbox"/> Provide new emergency generator (alternate). <p>RELATED RENOVATION TASKS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <input type="checkbox"/> Replace existing ceilings to accommodate new ductwork.• <input type="checkbox"/> Provision of gypsum board enclosures and ceiling drops as required to accommodate new ductwork.• <input type="checkbox"/> Replace existing roof on 1948 section.• <input type="checkbox"/> Repair existing roof on 1997 section.• <input type="checkbox"/> Reinforce existing roof on 1948 section to accommodate new roof equipment.• <input type="checkbox"/> Repair distressed masonry at window select heads.• <input type="checkbox"/> Repair of ceiling, floor and wall penetrations related to new ductwork, fire piping and electrical distribution.• <input type="checkbox"/> Repair finishes and fixtures affected by renovations.• <input type="checkbox"/> Temporary relocation of furnishings affected by renovations.• <input type="checkbox"/> Final cleaning. <p>Our revised estimate for Phase Two tasks as described above is \$4,500,000.00 if constructed in the summer of 2015.</p> <p>The previous estimate(s) for Phase Three should be escalated by about 3 % if the work is constructed in 2016:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <input type="checkbox"/> Phase Three A, HVAC and Related Work only, \$2,650,000.00.• <input type="checkbox"/> Phase Three B, HVAC and Related Work plus ADA Improvements to 1921 Section, \$6,990,000.00

Capital Improvement Plan
 Town of Newtown, Connecticut

'14/'15 thru '18/'19

Department Board of Education
 Contact RON BIENKOWSKI, DIREC

None of the above estimates factor in potential state reimbursement. Please note that the construction duration for Phase Three A is estimated to be four (4) months. The construction duration for Phase Three B is estimated to be twelve (12) months.

Justification

The purpose of this project is to comply with current building code requirements for fresh air exchange and ventilation in classrooms and to replace aging equipment which exceeds its useful life.

Built in 3 sections, 1921, 1948 and 1997, this facility is currently heated by 2 boiler plants. The 1921 section is served by 2 steam boilers and the 1997 section is served by one hot water boiler which is located in the 1948 boiler room. The 1948 section has old cast iron radiators, while the 1921 section has been largely upgraded to fin-tube heaters. Problems with poor temperature control capabilities and long system-response time for temperature regulation create many rooms that are either too cold or too hot during the winter season.

The steam boilers in the 1921 section are relatively new (1993), but the 1948 section is operating with the original equipment and is coming to the end of its useful life. The hot water boiler was installed in 1997. Mechanical ventilation exists in all rooms, but requires windows to be opened to provide 'make-up' or fresh air. This is a particular problem in the 1921 portion, where road noise and auto/truck emissions are introduced to the classrooms when windows are opened. The 1997 section has some air-conditioned spaces, but the addition has six classrooms that are not air-conditioned. The computer room, nurse's room, library, gym and office are air-conditioned.

Expenditures	'14/'15	'15/'16	'16/'17	'17/'18	'18/'19	Total
Construction/Maintenance		4,500,000	2,650,000			7,150,000
Total		4,500,000	2,650,000			7,150,000

Funding Sources	'14/'15	'15/'16	'16/'17	'17/'18	'18/'19	Total
Bonding		4,500,000	2,650,000			7,150,000
Total		4,500,000	2,650,000			7,150,000

Budget Impact/Other

Operating and maintenance costs estimated at \$9,500/year.

Fwd: Next Steps - Auditorium Project

Wed 10/22/2014 7:26 AM

From: JOHN KORTZE

To: Arlene Miles



For correspondence. Please print for everyone as they are rescinding a special appropriation request

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Erardi, Joe" <erardij@newtown.k12.ct.us>
Date: October 22, 2014 at 6:04:32 AM EDT
To: "Patricia Llodra (pat.llodra@newtown-ct.gov)" <pat.llodra@newtown-ct.gov>, Robert Mitchell <rmitchell@mitchellag.com>, JOHN KORTZE <jkortze@mac.com>, Mary Ann Jacob <mjacob4404@charter.net>, Newtown BOE <NewtownBOE@newtown.k12.ct.us>, Ron Bienkowski <bienkowskir@newtown.k12.ct.us>, Kathy June <junek@newtown.k12.ct.us>, Linda Gejda <gejda@newtown.k12.ct.us>, Lorrie Rodrigue <rodrigue@newtown.k12.ct.us>
Subject: Next Steps - Auditorium Project

Pat, John, Mary Ann, and Bob

Last evening the BOE took formal action to rescind their original request and timeline and then took subsequent action to move the auditorium project to the new fiscal year.

Ron Bienkowski will start his day with detailed letters through my office to you formalizing the board's work from last evening.

Moving forward -

John - In regards to your meeting tomorrow evening: Your thoughts on how last night will play out Thursday evening and should I or members of the board be prepared to engage in any part of the discussion?

Bob - If possible, at a convenient time for you, I would like to meet with you to fully understand what transpired over the past month and to ensure you and the PB&SC that the BOE looks to work in partnership with you with this and all future projects.

Keith, Mary Ann, John, and Pat - Thank you for your time and early up to inform me of past practice, partnership, and the choice of next steps.

Respectfully,

JJE

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Fwd: BOE Meeting 10/21

Wed 10/22/2014 7:51 AM

From: JOHN KORTZE

To: Arlene Miles



Please add this to correspondence as well and provide copies.
Thanks for all your help.

Begin forwarded message:

Date: October 21, 2014 at 10:49:06 PM EDT

Subject: BOE Meeting 10/21

From: "Alexander, Keith" <alexanderk_boe@newtown.k12.ct.us>

To: "Kortze, John" <jkortze@mac.com>, "Jacob, Mary Ann" <mjacob4404@charter.net>, "E. Patricia Llodra" <pat.llodra@newtown-ct.gov>

Cc: Joe Erardi <erardij@newtown.k12.ct.us>

Thank you for your work today to get information to Dr. Erardi and I for the Board of Education's consideration. At tonight's meeting, the Board voted to rescind the request for a special appropriation and to update the CIP request from the additional \$1.3M to the full \$3.6M number.

Dr. Erardi will be sending a formal note to you tomorrow from the district and will discuss logistics of moving through the process from here.

--Keith

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Respectfully,

Keith Alexander

Newtown Board of Education

<http://www.newtown.k12.ct.us/> (<http://www.newtown.k12.ct.us/DistrictInformation/BoardofEducation/tabid/3294/Default.aspx>)

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Fwd: HS Auditorium

Wed 10/22/2014 7:57 AM

From: JOHN KORTZE

To: Arlene Miles



Please add this to correspondence. Dont need copies of this for everyone...just one for me so I don't forget to reference.

Begin forwarded message:

Date: October 14, 2014 at 5:43:46 PM EDT

Subject: Fwd: HS Auditorium

From: "Erardi, Joe" <erardij@newtown.k12.ct.us>

To: Keith Alexander <alexanderk_boe@newtown.k12.ct.us>, Mary Ann Jacob <mjacob4404@charter.net>, JOHN KORTZE <jkortze@mac.com>

Keith, Mary Ann, and John

The attached documents is reflective of conversations that took place after our meeting. I would like to meet with you one more time after the school board has an opportunity to be brought up to speed on the status of the project.

Thanks for your time this morning

JE

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Bienkowski, Ron** <bienkowskir@newtown.k12.ct.us>

Date: Tue, Oct 14, 2014 at 5:01 PM

Subject: HS Auditorium

To: Joseph Erardi <erardij@newtown.k12.ct.us>

Ron Bienkowski

Director of Business

Newtown Board of Education

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Fwd: ACA Excise Tax discussion

Wed 10/22/2014 7:58 AM

From: JOHN KORTZE

To: Arlene Miles



Did I send you this one for correspondence as well?

Begin forwarded message:

From: Mark Mattioli <mark.mattioli@hotmail.com>

To: Bob Tait <robert.tait@newtown-ct.gov>, Ron Bienkowski <bienkowskir@newtown.k12.ct.us>

Cc: Pat Llodra <pat.llodra@newtown-ct.gov>, "erardij@newtown.k12.ct.us" <erardij@newtown.k12.ct.us>, "jkortze@mac.com" <jkortze@mac.com>, "mjacob4404@charter.net" <mjacob4404@charter.net>

Subject: ACA Excise Tax discussion

Date: September 15, 2014 at 3:11:02 PM EDT

Good afternoon,

I wanted to share a couple of articles, so you are aware of what some large employers are doing to temper the increase in their healthcare costs and prepare for or avoid the 2018 ACA excise tax. If you read the footnotes, you will find that these surveys represent several million employees. The links to the articles need to be copied and pasted into your browser.

If you're interested in reading more about Health insurance changes or reform-related issues, I often find interesting articles on Towers-Watson's website. Aon-Hewitt and Mercer also are highly-regarded consultants in this area. You can take that along with input from the large national insurance carriers, like Anthem and United. Aetna has a very interesting survey of their participants in H.S.As over a ten-year period. There are currently over 17 million enrollees in H.S.A.s in the US.

I know Pat mentioned an interest in learning more about private health care exchanges. I see that there is a conference in Washington DC on the subject October 7-8th, in case you want to sponsor an employee to learn more on the topic and report back to you.

Let me know if you have any questions.

Mark Mattioli

Attachments:

- healthcare articles-9-15-14.docx

Fwd: BOE Actions of 10/21/2014

Wed 10/22/2014 11:17 AM

From: JOHN KORTZE

To: Arlene Miles



Please add to correspondence as well

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Bienkowski, Ron" <bienkowskir@newtown.k12.ct.us>
Date: October 22, 2014 at 10:35:58 AM EDT
To: Joseph Erardi <erardij@newtown.k12.ct.us>, Pat LLodra <pat.llodra@newtown-ct.gov>, JOHN KORTZE <jkortze@mac.com>, Mary Ann Jacob <mjacob4404@charter.net>, Robert Mitchell <rmitchell@mitchellag.com>, Linda Gejda <gejda@newtown.k12.ct.us>, Lorrie Rodrigue <rodrigue@newtown.k12.ct.us>, Robert Tait <robert.tait@newtown-ct.gov>, Gino Faiella <faiellag@newtown.k12.ct.us>, Kathy June <junek@newtown.k12.ct.us>, David Freedman <dfboenewtown@hotmail.com>, Debbie Leidlein <boedebbie@gmail.com>, John Vorous <Jnvboe@gmail.com>, Keith Alexander <kalexander.boe@gmail.com>, Laura Roche <lrocheboe@gmail.com>, Michelle Embree Ku <michelleku.boe@gmail.com>, Kathy Hamilton <kathylhamilton@att.net>
Subject: BOE Actions of 10/21/2014

Please see attached representing formal revision of prior BOE actions. We stand ready to provide additional information necessary to keep this project moving in a positive direction. Thanks for commitment to Newtown.

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Ron Bienkowski
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Attachments:

- HS Aud action.pdf



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October 22, 2014

Mr. John Kortze, Chair
25 Hundred Acres Rd.
Newtown, CT 06470

Subject: Newtown High School Auditorium Improvements

Dear John,

At its October 21, 2014 meeting, the Board of Education rescinded its approved motion of the October 7th Board of Education meeting which stated the following:

“That the Board of Education, in accordance with the Town of Newtown’s Charter Section (6-30),a)&b), request a special appropriation of \$3,600,000 for the Newtown High School Auditorium project. This amount is included in the currently approved CIP for the Board of Education for 2014-2015 and 2015-2016 fiscal years and should be funded by bonding.”

The Board also unanimously revised its previously submitted CIP plan to place the full cost of the auditorium project in the first year 2015-16, for your consideration and approval. (Revised plan attached).

It is the Boards intent to work collaboratively with all parties in order to bring this project to fruition.

Thanks for your assistance in this regard.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ron Bienkowski".

Ron Bienkowski
Director of Business

cc: Joseph V. Erardi, Jr.
Maryann Jacob
Pat Llodra
Robert Tait
Board of Education

NEWTOWN BOARD OF EDUCATION
SUMMARY - CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN
2015/16 TO 2019/20

Approved by the BOE 8/19/2014 and
Revised & Approved by BOE 10/21/14

CIP Item #	Location	Description of Project	Year					TOTALS
			2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	
			<i>underway</i>					
			2014/15					
7	Hawley Elem.	HVAC Phase II Ventilation Improvements, electrical upgrades '21, '48 and '97 sections.	\$0					\$3,700,000
3	Hawley Elem.	Roof replacement 1948 and 1997 sections	\$0	\$0	\$800,000			\$4,500,000
*	Sandy Hook Elem	Design, engineering & construction (\$49,250,000)						-\$49,250,000
8	Middle Gate Elem	Roof replacement 1964 and 1992 sections						\$1,500,000
4	Middle Gate Elem	Replace original 1964 boiler plant			\$550,000			\$2,150,000
5	Middle School	Phase 0 - Professional Services			\$100,000			
5	Middle School	Phase I - New boilers and re-piping			\$2,100,000			\$4,805,000
6	Middle School	Phase II - Ventilation renovations						\$7,005,000
1	High School	Phase 0 - Professional Services	\$100,000					
1	High School	Auditorium; ADA code, replace duct work, lighting, seating, rigging, fire sprinkler system	\$3,500,000 **					
2	High School	Restoration of roof with replacement of lobby roof		\$1,040,000				
								\$4,640,000
TOTAL COSTS OF ALL PROJECTS			\$3,600,000	\$1,040,000	\$3,650,000	\$4,805,000	\$5,200,000	\$67,545,000
TOTAL TO BE BONDED			\$0	\$0	\$3,600,000	\$4,805,000	\$5,200,000	\$18,295,000
School Building Grant Eligible			\$534,000 **		\$272,000		\$510,000	\$1,316,000

**Code grant eligibility on total project costs.

Shading represents items new to the plan
*Funding provided by the State of Connecticut. This project will not be bonded locally and will not impact Newtown's budget or tax rate.
Eligibility for project inclusion on the CIP is that the cost must exceed 0.25% of the Town Budget, \$11,063,204. For 2014-15 the threshold is \$277,666.

Kortze, John

From: JOHN KORTZE <jkortze@mac.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 23, 2014 8:15 AM
To: Kortze, John
Subject: Fwd: Next Steps - Auditorium Project

Begin forwarded message:

Date: October 22, 2014 at 6:37:49 AM EDT
Subject: Re: Next Steps - Auditorium Project
From: "Erardi, Joe" <erardij@newtown.k12.ct.us>
To: JOHN KORTZE <jkortze@mac.com>

John

All set and thanks.....

JE

On Wed, Oct 22, 2014 at 6:22 AM, JOHN KORTZE <jkortze@mac.com> wrote:

Joe

Thank you for your effort and willingness to engage these issues and discuss our concerns. For Thursday, I think our task is simple. I will review our discussions with the BOF and have already prepared a new CIP to present which includes the auditorium project at the full amount of 3.6 million.

I fully expect to adopt the CIP including that project and have placed it on the plan for next year.

Let me know if I'm missing anything or any thing needs to be changed.

I think it would be helpful to have a BOE member or yourself present and discuss just in case. I would also welcome any discussion you would like to have with the BOF on the issue should there be any points you'd like to make.

You are welcome any time although your presence is not critical tomorrow should you have more pressing I commitments.

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 22, 2014, at 6:04 AM, Erardi, Joe <erardij@newtown.k12.ct.us> wrote:

Pat, John, Mary Ann, and Bob

Last evening the BOE took formal action to rescind their original request and timeline and then took subsequent action to move the auditorium project to the new fiscal year.

Ron Bienkowski will start his day with detailed letters through my office to you formalizing the board's work from last evening.

Moving forward -

John - In regards to your meeting tomorrow evening: Your thoughts on how last night will play out Thursday evening and should I or members of the board be prepared to engage in any part of the discussion?

Bob - If possible, at a convenient time for you, I would like to meet with you to fully understand what transpired over the past month and to ensure you and the PB&SC that the BOE looks to work in partnership with you with this and all future projects.

Keith, Mary Ann, John, and Pat - Thank you for your time and early up to inform me of past practice, partnership, and the choice of next steps.

Respectfully,

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Kortze, John

From: JOHN KORTZE <jkortze@mac.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 23, 2014 7:58 AM
To: Kortze, John
Subject: Fwd: findings

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Llodra, Pat" <pat.llodra@newtown-ct.gov>
To: "Kortze, John" <jkortze@mac.com>, "Jacob, Mary Ann" <mjacob4404@charter.net>, Joe Erardi <erardij@newtown.k12.ct.us>
Cc: "Mitchell, Robert" <rmitchell@mitchellaq.com>
Subject: findings
Date: October 21, 2014 at 3:45:37 PM EDT
Reply-To: pat.llodra@newtown-ct.gov

Bib Mitchell and I met this afternoon to lay out the timetable for pre-construction and construction for the NHS auditorium project. Our work led us to the conclusion that - if we follow process recommended by P.L. and if we provide sufficient time for each step - we will not get through the pre-construction phase (including final bidding) until August. AND, Bob feels that the construction phase itself is likely to take longer than 6 months. He cites possible demo and HazMat issues - materials delay - HVAC order taking many months to fulfill, etc.

We recommend that the project be delayed and restarted on July 1 of 2015. If that is the plan, construction would/could begin sometime in winter of 2016 and be complete for the use during the holiday season of 2016.

Let me know, please, if you need detail on the time schedule.

E. Patricia Llodra
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From: JOHN KORTZE <jkortze@mac.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 23, 2014 8:00 AM
To: Kortze, John
Subject: Fwd: BOE Actions of 10/21/2014
Attachments: HS Aud action.pdf; ATT00002.htm

Begin forwarded message:

Date: October 22, 2014 at 10:35:58 AM EDT

Subject: BOE Actions of 10/21/2014

From: "Bienkowski, Ron" <bienkowskir@newtown.k12.ct.us>

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Please see attached representing formal revision of prior BOE actions. We stand ready to provide additional information necessary to keep this project moving in a positive direction. Thanks for commitment to Newtown.

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Ron Bienkowski
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October 22, 2014

Mr. John Kortze, Chair
25 Hundred Acres Rd.
Newtown, CT 06470

Subject: Newtown High School Auditorium Improvements

Dear John,

At its October 21, 2014 meeting, the Board of Education rescinded its approved motion of the October 7th Board of Education meeting which stated the following:

“That the Board of Education, in accordance with the Town of Newtown’s Charter Section (6-30),a)&b), request a special appropriation of \$3,600,000 for the Newtown High School Auditorium project. This amount is included in the currently approved CIP for the Board of Education for 2014-2015 and 2015-2016 fiscal years and should be funded by bonding.”

The Board also unanimously revised its previously submitted CIP plan to place the full cost of the auditorium project in the first year 2015-16, for your consideration and approval. (Revised plan attached).

It is the Boards intent to work collaboratively with all parties in order to bring this project to fruition.

Thanks for your assistance in this regard.

Sincerely,

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NEWTOWN BOARD OF EDUCATION
 SUMMARY - CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN
 2015/16 TO 2019/20

Approved by the BOE 8/19/2014 and
 Revised & Approved by BOE 10/21/14

CIP Item #	Location	Description of Project	underway					TOTALS	
			2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19		2019/20
7	Hawley Elem.	HVAC Phase II Ventilation Improvements, electrical upgrades '21, '48 and '97 sections.		\$0				\$3,700,000	
3	Hawley Elem.	Roof replacement 1948 and 1997 sections			\$0	\$800,000			\$4,500,000
*	Sandy Hook Elem	Design, engineering & construction	(\$49,250,000)						-\$49,250,000
8	Middle Gate Elem	Roof replacement 1964 and 1992 sections				\$650,000		\$1,500,000	
4	Middle Gate Elem	Replace original 1964 boiler plant						\$2,150,000	
5	Middle School	Phase 0 - Professional Services				\$100,000			
5	Middle School	Phase I - New boilers and re-piping				\$2,100,000		\$4,805,000	
6	Middle School	Phase II - Ventilation renovations						\$7,005,000	
1	High School	Phase 0 - Professional Services		\$100,000					
1	High School	Auditorium; ADA code, replace duct work, lighting, sealing, rigging, fire sprinkler system		\$3,500,000 **					
2	High School	Restoration of roof with replacement of lobby roof		\$1,040,000					
TOTAL COSTS OF ALL PROJECTS			\$49,250,000	\$3,600,000	\$1,040,000	\$3,650,000	\$4,805,000	\$5,200,000	\$67,545,000
TOTAL TO BE BONDED			\$0	\$3,600,000	\$1,040,000	\$3,650,000	\$4,805,000	\$5,200,000	\$18,295,000
School Building Grant Eligible				\$534,000 **		\$272,000		\$510,000	\$1,316,000

Shading represents items new to the plan
 **Code grant eligibility on total project costs.
 *Funding provided by the State of Connecticut. This project will not be bonded locally and will not impact Newtown's budget or tax rate.
 Eligibility for project inclusion on the CIP is that the cost must exceed 0.25% of the Town Budget, \$111,066,204. For 2014-15 the threshold is \$277,666.

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To: Kortze, John
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To: "Kortze, John" <jkortze@mac.com>, "Jacob, Mary Ann" <mjacob4404@charter.net>, "E. Patricia Llodra" <pat.llodra@newtown-ct.gov>

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Thank you for your work today to get information to Dr. Erardi and I for the Board of Education's consideration. At tonight's meeting, the Board voted to rescind the request for a special appropriation and to update the CIP request from the additional \$1.3M to the full \$3.6M number.

Dr. Erardi will be sending a formal note to you tomorrow from the district and will discuss logistics of moving through the process from here.

--Keith

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Respectfully,

Keith Alexander
Newtown Board of Education
<http://www.newtown.k12.ct.us/>

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