

**THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY THE BOARD OF FINANCE**

The Board of Finance held a regular on Monday, September 12, 2016 in the Council Chambers at the Municipal Center, 3 Primrose Street, Newtown, CT. Chairman James Gaston called the meeting to order at 7:35pm.

**Present:** James Gaston, Kelley Johnson, John Godin, Mark Boland, Aaron Carlson, Sandy Roussas

**Also Present:** First Selectman Pat Llodra, Superintendent Dr. Erardi, Director of Business Ron Bienkowski, BOE Chairman Keith Alexander, BOE member Debbie Leidlein and Rebekah Harriman-Stites, Director of Facilities Gino Faiella and 2 members of the press.

**VOTER COMMENT** – None

**COMMUNICATIONS** – Mr. Gaston reported that he received communication from Ryan Knapp who chairs the Ordinance Committee for the Legislative Council. They are working on senior tax relief and they would like to come and share what they have done. They will be coming to the next meeting in September.

Mr. Gaston also received communication from George Ferguson who chairs the committee working on the Debt Policy. Mr. Gaston will invite him to the first meeting in October to share what they have been working on and to move forward with the BOF work as well.

**MINUTES** – Mr. Godin moved to approve the minutes of the 8/25/16 meeting. Ms. Johnson seconded, motion unanimously.

**FIRST SELECTMAN REPORT** – Mrs. Llodra presented a roadwork schedule (Attachment A). The weather has been cooperating and they are on budget and on schedule.

Mrs. Llodra also presented an article regarding state education aid (Attachment B). This has been an 11 year challenge to the funding of public schools in CT. It has made its way to Superior court and the judge has struck down the State's education aid protocol and directed the legislature to come up with a different formulation and they have 180 days to do that.

**FINANCE DIRECTORS REPORT** – None

**NEW BUSINESS**

*Board of Education CIP* – Debbie Leidlein presented with Ron Bienkowski (Attachment C). \$850,000 represents a High School Phase II Auditorium which consists of all lighting, AV equipment, rigging and catwalk enhancements.

Mr. Fiaella explained that both the roofs at Middle Gate and Hawley have already been restored and that is a onetime deal, they both need full replacements.

The estimates were compiled by engineers, architects and an energy management company. They are professional estimates and are real numbers.

They are looking to do a ventilation system and an HVAC system at Hawley School. They cannot open up the windows on the Church Hill Road because of the noise and exhaust. These two items need to be done at the same time.

The boiler project for the Middle School has an addition of upgrading the lighting to LED. Mr. Fiaello explained that Eversource does give a rebate but they want more than one ECM. The estimate is for gas fired boilers, asbestos abatement and LED lighting.

The field house at the High School will replace the 5 steel storage containers that are being used by different groups. It will provide the ability to use the front field on their own so the custodians won't have to be there and eliminate overtime for the custodians. Mr. Gaston asked for a breakdown of the overtime savings.

*Board of Education request for unexpended funds for 2015/2016 fiscal year (\$2,533.00) be deposited in to the non-lapsing account – Mr. Godin moved the BOE request for unexpended funds for 2015/2016 fiscal year (\$2,533.00) be deposited in to the non-lapsing account . Mr. Boland seconded, motion unanimously approved.*

**VOTER COMMENT** – None

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** – None

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:34pm

Respectfully Submitted,  
Arlene Miles, Clerk

## 2016-2017 ROADWORK SCHEDULE

Contractual Drainage	Budget		Start	Finish	
Alpine	30,000	D-P-C-L			
Mile Hill South	165,000	D-P-C-L	Complete		
Orchard Hill Road	60,000	D-P-C-L			
Overlays:					
Cadey Lane	28,000	D-P-C-L	8/11/2016	8/12/2016	D Complete
Crestwood Drive	17,000	P-C-L			
Ethan Allen Bridge Deck	80,000	P	8/29/2016	9/16/2016	
Oakview Road	17,000	P-C-L			
Route 34	28,000	N/A	Complete		
Washington Avenue	80,000	P-C-L			
<b>Road Improvements - Public:</b>					
Birch Hill Road	120,000	D-P-C-L	Complete		
Bonnie Brae	235,000	D-P-C-L	Complete		
Brassie Road	40,000	D-P-C-L	Complete		
Brushy Hill Road	200,000	D-P-C-L	Complete		
Cannon Drive	60,000	D-P-C-L	8/12/2016	8/15/2016	D-P Complete
Dinglebrook Road	40,000	D-C-L			
Edgewood/Woodbine	50,000	P-C-L			P-Complete
Glover Avenue	48,000	P-C-L	Complete		
Hanover Road	125,000	P-C-L			
Hundred Acres	80,000	D	9/6/2016	9/30/2016	
Johnny Appleseed	180,000	D-P-C-L	7/11/2016	8/3/2016	D-P Complete
Keating Farm Road	100,000	P-C-L			
Monitor Hill	60,000	P-C-L			
Morgan Drive	50,000	D-P-C-L	7/18/2016	7/24/2016	D Complete
Mt. Nebo Road	100,000	D	10/3/2016	10/21/2016	
New Lebbon	100,000	D-P-C-L	9/13/2016	9/20/2016	
Newberry Road	165,000	D-P-C-L	8/3/2016	8/5/2016	D Complete
Park Lane	60,000	P-C-L			
Pheasant Ridge	85,000	D-P-C-L	8/3/2016	8/5/2016	D-P Complete
Phyllis Lane	100,000	D	9/6/2016	9/30/2016	
Pond Brook/Obtuse	100,000	S-G	Guiderail not complete		
Riverside Road	100,000	P-C-L	8/18/2016	8/19/2016	P-Complete
School House Hill	100,000	D-P-C-L	Complete		
Sugar Hill Lane	70,000	D-P-C-L	9/7/2016	9/8/2016	
Swamp Road	135,000	P-C-L	9/2/2016	9/6/2016	
The Boulevard	82,000	P-C-L			
Whipporwill Hill	40,000	D	Complete		
<b>Road Improvements - Private:</b>					
Lakeview Terrace	100,000	E			
Edge Lake Design	25,000	E			

C-CURBING

P-PAVING

F-FINAL PAVING

L-LANDSCAPING

B-BINDER

E-ENGINEERING

G-GUIDERAIL

D-DRAINAGE

S-STREAM BANK STABILIZATION

# Judge strikes down state education aid choices as 'irrational'

By: MARK PAZNIOKAS AND KEITH M. PHANEUF | September 7, 2016

In a broad indictment of how Connecticut supports its poorest schools, Superior Court Judge Thomas Moukawsher ruled Wednesday that the state's method for distributing education aid is irrational and unconstitutional, while declining to second-guess the General Assembly on the ultimate level of state spending.

Moukawsher said the plaintiffs failed to meet their high burden of proving beyond a reasonable doubt that the quality of public education violates the state Constitution by the standards of minimum funding or the adequacy of instruction in the state's classrooms. But he gave them a sweeping victory on the question of how aid is distributed, special education is funded and the standards to which students and teachers are held.

He handed the state, plaintiffs and General Assembly an ambitious five-point outline for action on revamping how teachers are paid, special education students are evaluated and served, and more broadly how the state directs \$2 billion in annual state spending for local education, plus another \$1 billion in reimbursements for school construction and renovations.



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Superior Court Judge Thomas Moukawsher

"So, change must come," Moukawsher said. "The state has to accept that the schools are its blessing and its burden, and if it cannot be wise, it must at least be sensible."

The judge gave the legislature 180 days to revise how it provides state aid, saying legislators circumvent the existing Education Cost Sharing formula, often at the expense of school systems in most desperate need of resources. He said the method must be rational, equitable and verifiable.

Over more than two hours, Moukawsher read from the bench a carefully calibrated decision (<http://www.jud.ct.gov/CCJEFvRell.pdf>) that made clear the limits of judicial intervention, while scolding the legislature for recently stripping \$5 million in aid from some of the neediest school systems and giving it to comparatively wealthy communities.

"In desperate times, \$5 million is a lot of money," he said.

He took to the bench at 11 a.m., called a recess at 1 p.m., and returned to the bench at 2 p.m. for nearly another hour to resume reading a 90-page decision likely to make education a major issue in the 2017 and 2018 legislative sessions, when lawmakers also are expected to struggle to balance the budget.

The judge questioned the state's annual spending of about \$1 billion on school construction and renovation – while direct aid to operate the schools is just \$2 billion. He also indicted schools that graduate students who do not meet minimal standards.

"These aren't isolated stories," he said.

He set off a minor stir in the audience when he said teacher salaries need to be linked to skills and pronounced current evaluations of teachers as a near-worthless exercise that judges 98 percent of teachers as competent. A smiling Danbury Mayor Mark Boughton, a Republican, turned and made eye contact with a Democratic colleague, Waterbury Mayor Neil O'Leary.

Bridgeport Mayor Joseph P. Ganim, a Democrat, called the decision "courageous."

"I think it is a game-changer in that it recognizes the inadequacies of the system, the clear-cut failure of that system," Ganim said.

Boughton praised the judge, saying the ruling insists upon nothing less than "a complete overhaul of the public education system in Connecticut. You're talking about a gargantuan shift in education policy in the state."

Representatives of teachers' unions said they would decline comment until the judge read the rest of the decision.

The ruling by Moukawsher came 11 years after a coalition of parents, students, teachers and municipal officials sued the state and just a month after final arguments in a months-long trial not far from the State Capitol, examining, among other things, the adequacy, fairness and rationality of how local schools are funded.

The lawsuit, the Connecticut Coalition for Justice in Education Funding vs. Gov. M. Jodi Rell, is the latest in a series of legal and political battles to define the state's constitutional obligation to fund local schools and to prod the General Assembly to offer a more rational and expansive system of financial relief to municipalities dependent on property taxes.

The fight revolved around decades of legislative decisions, prior court cases and two terse sentences in the state Constitution: "There shall always be free public elementary and secondary schools in the state. The general assembly shall implement this principle by appropriate legislation."

"The Constitution identifies the General Assembly as the sole entity charged with enacting 'appropriate legislation' and fulfilling this weighty responsibility," the plaintiffs argued. Quoting previous case law, they said, "Despite the long history of local control over education in Connecticut, Article Eighth of the Constitution squarely 'places the ultimate responsibility for the education of the children of Connecticut on the state.' "

In 2010, the Connecticut Supreme Court concluded in response to the coalition's lawsuit that Article Eighth implied a qualitative standard of a minimally adequate education, and that the state is responsible for ensuring that level of adequacy is met.

It was left to Moukawsher, a former one-term Democratic legislator named to the bench by Gov. Dannel P. Malloy in 2013, to both define the standard and determine if the state was meeting it. The state currently provides about \$2 billion annually in school aid through its Education Cost Sharing formula.

The plaintiffs, whose legal team was led by Joseph Moodhe, did not ask the judge to provide a solution, leaving that for "further legal proceedings."

"This request is insupportable," the state said in a reply brief. "The evidentiary phase of this trial is complete, both sides have rested, and there is no legal basis for this court to engage in 'further proceedings' regarding potential remedies."

Moukawsher ordered the legislature to begin work on a new funding formula, while not mandating increased overall spending. In doing so, he gave deference to the state's position.

If remedies in an education case are constitutionally required, the Supreme Court has left no doubt "our courts should and will defer to the legislature, in the first instance, to provide those remedies," wrote the state, whose legal team was led by Associate Attorney General Joseph Rubin.

The decision came as the state struggles with chronic fiscal challenges.

The legislature's nonpartisan Office of Fiscal Analysis is projecting a \$1.3 billion deficit built into 2017-18 state finances, a gap of about 7 percent. And unless adjustments are made, it is expected to top \$1.4 billion in 2018-19 and \$1.5 billion the following year.

Further complicating matters, the state's administration reported in late June that it had downgraded expected income tax receipts for the outgoing fiscal year by \$75 million, and sales tax revenues by \$28 million.

During final arguments, Moukawsher pointed to a list showing the distribution of Education Cost Sharing grants and questioned whether the state had a rational approach to distributing education aid, regardless of what it ultimately can afford.

"I was particularly hoping you could provide me an explanation," Moukawsher told Rubin, the state's lead attorney. "I found \$5.3 million of cuts to poor communities like Bridgeport. And then, I also found \$5.1 million of increases to rich communities. So that you have poor towns like Bridgeport taking \$1 million cuts and rich towns like West Hartford taking a \$1 million increase."

"How," the judge asked, "can a rational budget process allow that in a time of financial crises to happen?"

Rubin said he did not know why the legislature funneled money where it did, but the vast majority of the over \$2 billion in state education aid not tied to retirement benefits goes to high-poverty school districts.

"Saying that every single dollar, every single appropriation must be explained particularly and specifically and that, if it's not, it's not rational, I submit to the court that that's not the constitutional test of rationality," Rubin said.

The lawsuit focused on educational deficiencies in six districts that the plaintiffs said were representative of high-need schools: Bridgeport, East Hartford, Danbury, New Britain, New London and Windham.

The state argued that the judge should not infer there is a systemic problem even if he determined the plaintiffs proved that the state is not fulfilling its obligation in those six school districts.

But the landmark Horton vs. Meskill decision in 1977 that ordered the state to overhaul how it funded schools was brought by a lone plaintiff who was an elementary student in Canton.

Moukawsher did not hint last month how broadly he would rule, saying Rubin's argument got to the question of whether the court should "order relief to these six districts, or are you going to do something larger than this?"

On Wednesday, the judge looked beyond the six districts, reciting the poor test scores from many of the 30 poorest school systems.

He disabused anyone who suggests the achievement gap in Connecticut is simply the product of high achievement by the top-performing schools in comparison to the worst: The state's poorest schools are posting results worse than the poorest schools of 40 other states and is no better than the other nine.

"Nobody did worse," he said.

## Comments

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# Attachment C

Town of Newtown, Connecticut

## Capital Improvement Plan

'17/'18 thru '21/'22

### PROJECTS & FUNDING SOURCES BY DEPARTMENT

Department	Project#	'17/'18	'18/'19	'19/'20	'20/'21	'21/'22	Total
<b>Board of Education</b>							
Hawley School - Roof Replacement	BOE - 1	850,000					850,000
<i>Bonding</i>		540,345					540,345
<i>Grants</i>		309,655					309,655
Middle School Improvements	BOE - 2	1,800,000				4,805,000	6,605,000
<i>Bonding</i>		1,800,000				4,805,000	6,605,000
Middle Gate - Roof Replacement	BOE - 3		1,590,000				1,590,000
<i>Bonding</i>			1,010,763				1,010,763
<i>Grants</i>			579,237				579,237
Hawley Elem. - Boiler Replacement	BOE - 4		1,712,000	4,452,000			6,164,000
<i>Bonding</i>			1,712,000	4,452,000			6,164,000
High School - Phase II Auditorium	BOE - 5	850,000					850,000
<i>Bonding</i>		850,000					850,000
High School - Replace / Restore Football Turf	BOE - 6				1,000,000		1,000,000
<i>Bonding</i>					1,000,000		1,000,000
High School - Main Boiler Replacements	BOE - 7				900,000		900,000
<i>Bonding</i>					900,000		900,000
High School - Athletic Field House	BOE - 8				300,000		300,000
<i>Bonding</i>					300,000		300,000
<b>Board of Education Total</b>		<b>3,500,000</b>	<b>3,302,000</b>	<b>4,452,000</b>	<b>2,200,000</b>	<b>4,805,000</b>	<b>18,259,000</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>		<b>3,500,000</b>	<b>3,302,000</b>	<b>4,452,000</b>	<b>2,200,000</b>	<b>4,805,000</b>	<b>18,259,000</b>

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**Project #** BOE - 1  
**Project Name** Hawley School - Roof Replacement

**Type** Building construction/renovatio      **Department** Board of Education  
**Useful Life**      **Contact** RON BIENKOWSKI, DIRECT  
**Category** Buildings

**Description**  
 Complete roof replacement for 1948 and 1997 sections.

**Justification**  
 Roof system on 1948 and 1997 sections will exceed life expectancy in requested budget year.

Expenditures	'17/'18	'18/'19	'19/'20	'20/'21	'21/'22	Total
Construction/Maintenance	850,000					850,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>850,000</b>					<b>850,000</b>

Funding Sources	'17/'18	'18/'19	'19/'20	'20/'21	'21/'22	Total
Bonding	540,345					540,345
Grants	309,655					309,655
<b>Total</b>	<b>850,000</b>					<b>850,000</b>

**Budget Impact/Other**  
 Savings will be realized through savings in roof repairs as well as energy savings using better quality roof insulation.  
 Project eligible for state grant (reimbursement) of approximately \$309,000.



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**Project #** BOE - 2  
**Project Name** Middle School Improvements

**Type** Building construction/renovatio  
**Useful Life**  
**Category** Buildings  
**Department** Board of Education  
**Contact** RON BIENKOWSKI, DIRECT

**Description**

Phase I 2017-18: This project consists of replacement of original boiler plant to a higher efficiency forced hot water system and upgrading all lighting fixtures to LED.  
 Phase II 2021-22: This project consists of but is not limited to installation of an active ducted ventilation system, replacement of existing 1986 HVAC units and the addition of additional HVAC units in key areas, ie auditorium, cafeteria ...

**Justification**

Phase I 2017-18: The boiler plant is currently 60 years old and two of the four boilers have been de-commissioned due to failure. The building is also being heated through a hybrid system of steam and forced hot water. A High efficiency boiler plant along with re-piping part of the facility to forced hot water will ensure continued operation and a tremendous financial and energy savings to our town/district.  
 Phase II 2021-22: The existing HVAC units are inefficient and nearing their usable life span. The ducted ventilation and additional HVAC units will greatly increase the indoor air quality in the facility.

Expenditures	'17/'18	'18/'19	'19/'20	'20/'21	'21/'22	Total
Construction/Maintenance	1,800,000				4,805,000	6,605,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,800,000</b>				<b>4,805,000</b>	<b>6,605,000</b>

Funding Sources	'17/'18	'18/'19	'19/'20	'20/'21	'21/'22	Total
Bonding	1,800,000				4,805,000	6,605,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,800,000</b>				<b>4,805,000</b>	<b>6,605,000</b>

**Budget Impact/Other**

This project will reduce repair/maintenance costs through new equipment warranty & life cycle of 20+ years. It will also meet current air quality codes. This project will also allow us to use natural gas which will reduce energy costs as well as reduce carbon monoxide emissions.

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**Project #** BOE - 3  
**Project Name** Middle Gate - Roof Replacement

**Type** Building construction/renovatio      **Department** Board of Education  
**Useful Life**      **Contact** RON BIENKOWSKI, DIRECT  
**Category** Buildings

**Description**

This project will allow a complete replacement of the 1964 and 1992 sections of the facility.

**Justification**

The roof will be beyond its 20th year of service. Life span/warranty is 20 years.

Expenditures	'17/'18	'18/'19	'19/'20	'20/'21	'21/'22	Total
Construction/Maintenance		1,590,000				1,590,000
<b>Total</b>		<b>1,590,000</b>				<b>1,590,000</b>

Funding Sources	'17/'18	'18/'19	'19/'20	'20/'21	'21/'22	Total
Bonding		1,010,763				1,010,763
Grants		579,237				579,237
<b>Total</b>		<b>1,590,000</b>				<b>1,590,000</b>

**Budget Impact/Other**

Savings will be realized through savins in roof repairs as well as energy savings using better quality roof insulation.  
 Project eligible for state grant (reimbursement) of approximately \$579,000.

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**Project #** BOE - 4  
**Project Name** Hawley Elem. - Boiler / HVAC

**Type** Building construction/renovatio  
**Useful Life**  
**Category** Buildings  
**Department** Board of Education  
**Contact**

**Description**

2018-19: This project will allow replacement of the of the boiler plant located in the 1921 section of the building.  
 2019-20: This project will allow installation of a HVAC system which will service the entire facility. Project includes but is not limited to ductwork, controls, HVAC system, electrical upgrades and an emergency generator.

**Justification**

2018-19: Boiler plant will be upgraded to high efficiency gas fired hot water system versus current steam system. Provisions for an additional boiler in the 1948 section have been made.  
 2019-20: Upgrade air quality in the facility, unable to open windows facing Church Hill Road.

<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>'17/'18</b>	<b>'18/'19</b>	<b>'19/'20</b>	<b>'20/'21</b>	<b>'21/'22</b>	<b>Total</b>
Construction/Maintenance		1,712,000	4,452,000			6,164,000
<b>Total</b>		<b>1,712,000</b>	<b>4,452,000</b>			<b>6,164,000</b>

<b>Funding Sources</b>	<b>'17/'18</b>	<b>'18/'19</b>	<b>'19/'20</b>	<b>'20/'21</b>	<b>'21/'22</b>	<b>Total</b>
Bonding		1,712,000	4,452,000			6,164,000
<b>Total</b>		<b>1,712,000</b>	<b>4,452,000</b>			<b>6,164,000</b>

**Budget Impact/Other**

Energy savings through high efficiency boiler and better environmental controls.  
 Better air quality.

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**Project #** BOE - 5  
**Project Name** High School - Phase II Auditorium

**Type** Unassigned                      **Department** Board of Education  
**Useful Life**                                      **Contact**  
**Category** Unassigned

**Description**  
This project consists of replacement of all lighting, AV equipment, rigging and catwalk enhancements.

**Justification**  
Phase I of this project includes all of the hard construction but does not address any of the needed equipment listed in the description.

<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>'17/'18</b>	<b>'18/'19</b>	<b>'19/'20</b>	<b>'20/'21</b>	<b>'21/'22</b>	<b>Total</b>
Construction/Maintenance	850,000					850,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>850,000</b>					<b>850,000</b>

  

<b>Funding Sources</b>	<b>'17/'18</b>	<b>'18/'19</b>	<b>'19/'20</b>	<b>'20/'21</b>	<b>'21/'22</b>	<b>Total</b>
Bonding	850,000					850,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>850,000</b>					<b>850,000</b>

**Budget Impact/Other**  
This project will reduce costs to theatrical groups, currently much equipment is rented. Also, the upgraded rigging and catwalk will be a much safer environment for the students.

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**Project #** BOE - 6  
**Project Name** High School - Replace / Restore Football Turf

**Type** Building construction/renovatio  
**Useful Life**  
**Category** Land Improvements  
**Department** Board of Education  
**Contact** RON BIENKOWSKI, DIRECT

**Description**  
 This project would replace the track and field turf in their 11th year of service which follows current standard practice.

**Justification**  
 Artificial turf and track will meet life expectancy in budget year

<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>'17/'18</b>	<b>'18/'19</b>	<b>'19/'20</b>	<b>'20/'21</b>	<b>'21/'22</b>	<b>Total</b>
Construction/Maintenance				1,000,000		1,000,000
<b>Total</b>				<b>1,000,000</b>		<b>1,000,000</b>

  

<b>Funding Sources</b>	<b>'17/'18</b>	<b>'18/'19</b>	<b>'19/'20</b>	<b>'20/'21</b>	<b>'21/'22</b>	<b>Total</b>
Bonding				1,000,000		1,000,000
<b>Total</b>				<b>1,000,000</b>		<b>1,000,000</b>

**Budget Impact/Other**  
 This is a safety issue

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**Project #** BOE - 7  
**Project Name** High School - Main Boiler Replacements / LED Light

**Type** Unassigned                      **Department** Board of Education  
**Useful Life**                                      **Contact**  
**Category** Unassigned

**Description**  
 •Project includes but is not limited to lighting upgrades to LED, the replacement of three boilers, controls, drives and pumps.

**Justification**  
 •Replace existing boilers from original building (1970) with high efficiency gas fired condensing units. Replace all VFD drives and replace all circulating pumps to high efficiency units.  
 •Upgrade all internal light fixtures to LED.

<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>'17/'18</b>	<b>'18/'19</b>	<b>'19/'20</b>	<b>'20/'21</b>	<b>'21/'22</b>	<b>Total</b>
Construction/Maintenance				900,000		900,000
<b>Total</b>				<b>900,000</b>		<b>900,000</b>

<b>Funding Sources</b>	<b>'17/'18</b>	<b>'18/'19</b>	<b>'19/'20</b>	<b>'20/'21</b>	<b>'21/'22</b>	<b>Total</b>
Bonding				900,000		900,000
<b>Total</b>				<b>900,000</b>		<b>900,000</b>

**Budget Impact/Other**  
 Energy savings through high efficiency boiler and better environmental controls.

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**Project #** BOE - 8  
**Project Name** High School - Athletic Field House

**Type** Unassigned                      **Department** Board of Education  
**Useful Life**                                      **Contact**  
**Category** Unassigned

**Description**  
 •Construction of a field house with storage.

**Justification**  
 Currently, adjacent to the high school field are 5 steel storage containers for the different groups using the area. A building located there would eliminate the unsightly storage containers and allow sport groups to use the field without having to access the high school facility.

<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>'17/'18</b>	<b>'18/'19</b>	<b>'19/'20</b>	<b>'20/'21</b>	<b>'21/'22</b>	<b>Total</b>
Land Acquisition				300,000		300,000
<b>Total</b>				<b>300,000</b>		<b>300,000</b>

<b>Funding Sources</b>	<b>'17/'18</b>	<b>'18/'19</b>	<b>'19/'20</b>	<b>'20/'21</b>	<b>'21/'22</b>	<b>Total</b>
Bonding				300,000		300,000
<b>Total</b>				<b>300,000</b>		<b>300,000</b>

**Budget Impact/Other**  
 Will not have to open the main building for games which would potentially reduce custodial OT.

NEWTOWN BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SUMMARY - CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN  
2017/18 TO 2021/22

Approved by  
the BOE 8/16/2016

CIP Item #	Location	Description of Project	Year					TOTALS
			2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	
2	Hawley Elem.	Roof replacement 1948 and 1997 sections	\$850,000					
6	Hawley Elem.	Replace boiler for the 1921 section of building - steam to hot water	\$1,712,000	\$4,452,000				\$7,014,000
5	Middle Gate Elem	Roof replacement 1984 and 1992 sections	\$1,590,000	\$0				\$1,590,000
	<i>Middle Gate Elem</i>	<i>Replace original 1964 boiler and lighting upgrade</i>	\$475,000					
3	Middle School	Phase I - New boilers and re-piping ('52) - Energy project	\$1,800,000					
4	Middle School	Phase II - Ventilation and Renovations	\$0	\$4,805,000				\$6,605,000
	<i>High School</i>	<i>Restoration of roof with replacement of lobby roof</i>	\$1,402,500					
1	High School	Phase II Auditorium project	\$850,000					
7	High School	Replace/restore football turf field		\$1,000,000				
8	High School	Main boiler replacements - High Efficiency Gas		\$900,000			\$0	
9	High School	Athletic Field house		\$300,000			\$0	
								\$3,050,000
TOTAL COSTS OF ALL PROJECTS			\$3,500,000	\$3,302,000	\$4,452,000	\$2,200,000	\$4,805,000	\$18,259,000
TOTAL TO BE BONDED			\$3,500,000	\$3,302,000	\$4,452,000	\$2,200,000	\$4,805,000	\$18,259,000
School Building Grant Eligible			\$309,655	\$579,237	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$888,892

Shading represents items new to the plan  
Eligibility for project inclusion on the CIP is that the cost must exceed 0.25% of the Total Town Budget, \$114,182,379. For 2016-17 the threshold is \$285,456.



Attachment D



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August 23, 2016

Mr. Jim Gaston  
18 Main Street  
Newtown, CT 06470

Dear Jim:

On Tuesday, August 6, 2016 the Newtown Board of Education unanimously passed the following motion:

That the Board of Education request of the board of Finance that the unexpended funds from the 2015-16 fiscal year budget appropriation in the amount of \$2,533 be deposited into the non-lapsing account established in accordance with Connecticut General Statute Section 10-248a, for educational purposes. Further to this action is that the source of these funds are detailed on the year-end financial report as previously approved by this Board of Education and further that the intended current anticipated use of said funds will be to provide a portion of local funds necessary for further security enhancements to its schools in accordance with the School Security Grant which has been extended to June 30, 2017.

The \$2,533 should be added to last year's deposit of \$12,909 in the non-lapsing account to provide local funding for the security projects currently underway in the awarded security grant.

Please do not hesitate to call me if I can offer any further explanation on this request.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Joseph V. Erardi, Jr.", is written over the word "Respectfully,".

Dr. Joseph V. Erardi, Jr.  
Superintendent of Schools