

Minutes of the Town of Farmington
Regular Town Council Meeting
March 14, 2018

Present:

Nancy W. Nickerson, Chair
Patricia Boye-Williams
Bruce Charette
Paul Cianci
Edward Giannaros
Beth Kintner
C. J. Thomas

Kathy Eagen, Town Manager
Paula B. Ray, Clerk

A. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

The Council and members of the public recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion was made and seconded (Charette/Giannaros) to waive the Rules of Procedure to add as Agenda Item D-1 correcting motion for an appointment made to the Conservation and Inland Wetlands Commission.

Adopted unanimously

Motion was made and seconded (Charette/Giannaros) to correct the term of Inez St. James as an alternate on the Conservation and Inland Wetlands Commission to beginning immediately and ending September 30, 2019.

Adopted unanimously

C. Public Comment

There were no public comments made.

D. To consider and take action on the proposed FY 2018-2019 Operating Budget.

Kathy Greider, Superintendent of Schools; Kim Wynne, Assistant Superintendent of Schools; Chris Fagan, Chair of the Board of Education ; Vince LaFontan, Business Administrator Board of Education; Beth Haber, Finance Manager and Matt Ross, Director of Technology joined the Council to review the Board of Education operating and Capital Improvement Plan budgets.

Salaries

The Salary accounts, which represent 67.66% of the Board of Education operating budget with a 2.36% budget increase on pages 1-15, were reviewed and Council questions answered. The rate of salary increases for teachers both on step and at the top were discussed. The Superintendent explained only the teachers at the top were getting a GWI increase of 1.5%, the rest of the teachers were getting a step increase only, the administrators were getting a 2% increase plus step if applicable, the nurses were getting a 1.85% and the non-certified staff were in negotiations.

Benefits

The Benefit accounts, which represent 14.85% of the Board of Education operating budget with a 4.03% budget increase on pages 16-24, were reviewed and Council questions answered. Mr. LaFontan reviewed the steps he used to determine the appropriate funding contribution for the budget. Amy Barrett, Human Resources for the Board of Education assisted with the Benefit questions.

Services

The Services accounts, which represent 13.71% of the Board of Education operating budget with 2.39% budget increase on pages 25-65, were reviewed and Council questions answered. The Superintendent highlighted in this area the need for an additional bus run and the increased funding in facilities to address the Friar Report.

Supplies

The Supplies accounts, which represent 2.85% of the Board of Education operating budget with .82% budget increase on pages 66-82, were reviewed and Council questions answered. The Superintendent explained this account was done based on a zero based budgeting, and the various accounts range from instructional supplies to ice hockey and swimming rentals.

Equipment

The Equipment accounts, which represent .59% of the Board of Education operating budget with 6.69% budget increase on pages 83-99, were reviewed and Council questions answered. The Superintendent explained the increases in this account were mainly due to increases in technology replacements.

Dues & Fees

The Dues & Fees accounts, which represent .35% of the Board of Education operating budget with 10.78% budget decrease on pages 100-103, were reviewed and Council questions answered.

The Council discussed the Open Choice funding with Board of Education and how surpluses in the account at times had allowed them to accomplish things that hadn't been funded in the budget.

The Board of Education discussed with the Council the difficulties with planning for tuitions for magnet schools in the budget.

The Chair called the Council's attention to the pages showing the in-kind services the Board of Education receives from the Town.

Board of Education Capital Improvement Plan

The Manager explained that the summary page in the beginning and the bottom line figure for the Capital Improvement Plan at the back of the book. The figure on the summaries page for total cash capital projects was \$2,657,000 and the figure for total cash capital projects shown in the CIP itself was \$4,453,975. She wanted the Council and Board of Education to discuss how to handle the difference in the two numbers and how to address it.

The Chair shared with the Board of Education that the Manger had given them the Town's capital projects in priority order.

The Board of Education distributed Option 1 and Option 2, recorded with these minutes as Agenda Items D-1 and D-2 as suggestions to reduce the cash outlay in the Board of Education Capital Improvement Plan. The Council and Board of Education reviewed the options and discussed the length of time it would take to complete the projects, the types and ages of roofs to be repaired, the possibilities for reimbursement on the roof projects and the impacts of additional bonding on the budget. Mr. Fagan repeated it was impossible for them to prioritize their list, because the schools were literally crumbling in front of them after decades of neglect. He wanted the community to stand up and fix the schools.

Mr. Swetcky distributed the chart recorded with these minutes as Agenda Item D-3 showing the impact of the current debt service, the Clean Water Fund debt and the items currently in the Capital Improvement Plan and answered Council questions about the chart and possible additional debit.

Town Capital Improvement Plan

The Manager reviewed the priority list of Town capital projects recorded with these minutes as Agenda Item D-5, gave the rational for the order of the items on the list and answered Council questions.

The Council discussed the general capital needs for the Town and asked about any facility studies that might have been done for the Town buildings.

The Manager explained what they would need at the Thursday meeting to get a Warning ready for Saturday.

E. Adjourn to Executive Session

There was no Executive Session held.

F. Adjournment

Motion was made and seconded (Charette/Giannaros) to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Paula B. Ray

Paula B. Ray, Clerk

Agenda Item D-1

Option #1

2018-2019 Capital Projects (DRAFT)

Technology: Technology Infrastructure	\$500,000
Roof Replacement FHS: Sections O, Q, R, & U	\$265,975
MEP: District-wide Mechanical, Electrical, Plumbing	\$419,500
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• WW Chiller 220,000• WD Heat Loop & Replacement of Air Handling IAR Units 63,500• FHS Heat/AC RTU replacements 86,000• Emergency/ Deferred Maintenance 50,000	
Structural/Architectural	\$77,500
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• NW Painting & Wood Façade repair 32,500• Design work (window/door systems) 45,000	
Security	\$75,000
Code and Safety Compliance	\$75,000
FF & E: Classroom Furniture	\$150,000
Cafeteria Equipment	\$25,000
Total:	\$1,587,975

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Option #1

2018-2019 Capital Projects for Bonding (Complete Draft)

Farmington Public Schools K-8 Security Improvements \$1,861,860

- Noah Wallace Main Office Move 203,000
- West District Main Office Move 449,960
- East Farms Main Office Move 834,500
- Security Vestibules (4 Schools) 374400

Farmington Public Schools K-8 Roof projects \$2,236,535

- IAR sections K, N & O 500,535
- IAR 1959 section 550,000
- UN 736,000
- *NWS partial roof replacement 450,000*

Farmington Public Schools K-8 Infrastructure repair and upgrades \$621,929

- MEP Mechanical Control upgrades 115,500
- UN Wiring upgrade 141,429
- UN Limestone Repair/Replacement 365,000

Total: \$4,720,324

Agenda Item D-2

Option #2

2018-2019 Capital Projects (DRAFT)

Technology: Technology Infrastructure \$500,000

Roof Replacement FHS: Sections O, Q, R, & U \$265,975

MEP: District-wide Mechanical, Electrical, Plumbing \$914,500

- WW Chiller 220,000
- WD Heat Loop & Replacement of Air Handling IAR Units 63,500
- FHS Heat/AC RTU replacements 86,000
- Emergency/ Deferred Maintenance 50,000
- Mechanical Control upgrades 115,000
- Un Wiring Design 15,000
- Un Limestone Repair /Replacement 365,000

Structural/Architectural \$77,500

- NW Painting & Wood Façade repair 32,500
- Design work (window/door systems) 45,000

Security \$75,000

Code and Safety Compliance \$75,000

FF & E: Classroom Furniture \$150,000

Cafeteria Equipment \$25,000

Total: \$2,082,975

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Option #2

2018-2019 Capital Projects for Bonding (Complete Draft)

Farmington Public Schools K-8 Security Improvements \$1,861,860

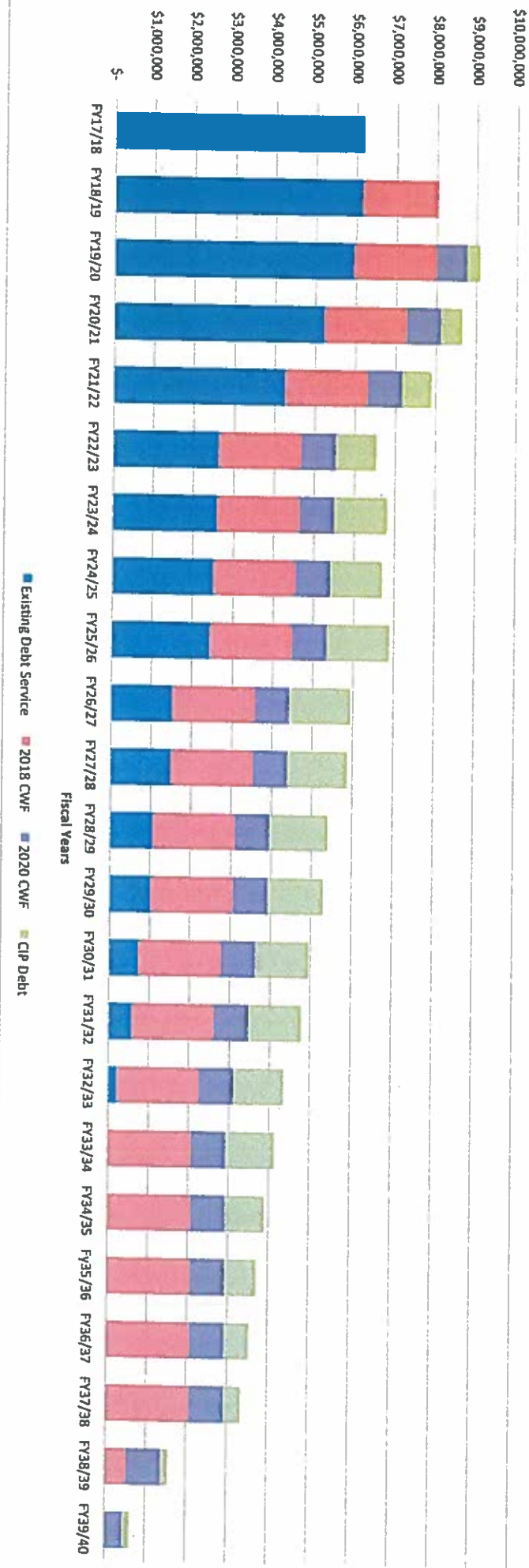
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- West District Main Office Move 449,960
- East Farms Main Office Move 834,500
- Security Vestibules (4 Schools) 374400

Farmington Public Schools K-8 Roof projects \$2,236,535

- IAR sections K, N & O 500,535
- IAR 1959 section 550,000
- UN 736,000 1994
- NWS partial roof replacement
450,000 1994

Total: \$4,098,395

**PROJECTED DEBT SERVICE
BASED ON CIP AND CWF**



Agenda Item D-5

Town Capital Priority List

1	STP Urban**	\$ 200,000
2	Environmental Code Compliance	\$ 50,000
3	SCBA Cylinder Replacement	\$ 160,000
4	Turnout Gear **	\$ 45,000
5	Hose	\$ 25,000
6	Medic 11**	\$ 110,000
7	Communications Upgrade	\$ 445,000
8	Dump Truck	\$ 210,000
9	Technology Town **	\$ 185,000
10	Back Hoe Loader	\$ 130,000
11	High School Bleachers	\$ 65,000
12	Automated Fingerprint Machine	\$ 35,000
13	Rough Mower - WW	\$ 65,000
14	Road Maintenance Truck	\$ 70,000
15	Police Technology	\$ 50,000
16	Stone House Renovations	\$ 100,000
17	Building Improvements - Police	\$ 40,000
18	Irrigation Improvements - H&G	\$ 40,000
19	Irrigation Improvements - WW	\$ 40,000
20	Town Hall Improvements	\$ 100,000
21	Tunxis Mead Improvements	\$ 50,000
22	Land Records Re-Indexing	\$ 30,000
	TOTAL	\$ 2,245,000

** a small reduction could be made