

Board of Education

**Capital Expenditure
Request**

June 8, 2020

Melissa F. Bavaro-Grande
Acting Superintendent of Schools

TO: Natalie Welsh, Chairperson, East Granby Board of Finance
FROM: Melissa F. Bavaro-Grande, Acting Superintendent
DATE: June 4, 2020
RE: Capital Non-Recurring Account Expenditure Request for 2020

Attached please find the Capital Non-Recurring Account Expenditure Requests for the East Granby Public Schools which include replacement of the camera server to support school safety at R.D. Seymour School (facilities capital), and technology purchases (program capital). Both requests are part of the Board of Education's Five Year Capital Plan.

Facilities Capital

Camera server for R.D. Seymour School – not to exceed \$39,000

Program Capital

Technology equipment - \$59,600

Technology ~ Immediate: Replace Seymour School camera server. Honeywell product currently installed and will not be able to service if it goes down. Replace with Avigilon, which is what all the other schools in district use. Current system is running on Windows 7 and after January, 2020, will no longer receive security updates. Quote from Three-Way Communications (\$38,813.80)

At the Board of Education (BOE) regular meeting held on January 13, 2020, the BOE voted and approved to request from the Board of Finance and the Town to use Capital Non-Recurring funds to replace the camera server (school safety) at R.D. Seymour School. The budgeted amount is \$39,000 and is part of the facilities capital listed on the Board of Education's Five Year Capital Plan.

Three-Way Communications is the chosen vendor as it is our current provider for surveillance and video recording equipment at all other locations. They also happen to be one of only a handful of companies in our area that are retailers and support agents for our Avigilon surveillance camera software. The replacement at Seymour School will directly tie in to our current setup, making monitoring all building cameras possible from one program and from any school campus. Three-Way Communications has served our district very well as a local provider and has our school district listed as a priority customer for technical support needs.

MOTION: a motion was made by Bob Ravens-Seger, seconded by Karey Pond to request approval from the Board of Finance and the Town to use Capital Non-Recurring funds in the amount of \$39,000 for the purchase and installation of new security software and cameras at R.D. Seymour School. (FOR: Bob

Paskiewicz, Bob Ravens-Seger, John Welsh, Lynn Landolina, Michele Holt, Karey Pond, Lucia Ziobro, John Corcoran. ABSTAINED: John Ziobro). *Motion approved.*

PROGRAM CAPITAL REQUEST FOR DISCUSSION AT 6/8/2020 BOE MEETING

Technology

Chromebook Refresh Program – Chromebooks are used as a primary computing device in every building and with every student enrolled at EGPS. The device manufacturer and software developer (Google) has implemented a planned obsolescence of Chromebooks of, typically, five years prior to dropping support and security updating. Each year, we look to replace approximately 1/5 of the device fleet (currently about 140 units) as we cycle out those models that have reached what is termed “EOL” or “End of Life”. Quote from CDWG (\$33,600).

Hardware Upgrades – Our technology education lab houses equipment necessary for students to run sophisticated drafting and modeling software. These devices are currently aging (2013) and need to be replaced in order to keep up with increased hardware requirements. Quote from Dell (\$20,000).

Infrastructure/Server Upgrades – Servers housed at each of the school buildings house data generated within the district and carry out functions to monitor user sessions and maintain networked devices. We have several servers that are very outdated and need to be replaced. Quote from Dell on one unit (\$6,000).

Total Capital Funding Request for Technology: \$59,600

REQUESTS

The Board of Education (BOE) kindly requests that the Board of Finance (BOF) discuss and recommend for Town Meeting action a sum not to exceed \$39,000 to replace the camera server (school safety) at R.D. Seymour School at their next meeting scheduled for June 9, 2020.

Pending Board of Education approval (6/8/2020 meeting), The Board of Education (BOE) kindly requests that the Board of Finance (BOF) discuss and recommend for Town Meeting action a sum of \$59,600 for the Chromebook Refresh Program, hardware upgrades, and infrastructure / server upgrades.

The following two items are on the Capital Plan for the 2019-2020 school year.

\$30,000 ~ Gym/auditorium upgrades/ stage curtains for Allgrove Auditorium

At this time, the Board of Education, due the current pandemic and the impact to the economic climate, voted to not request funding for the gym upgrade and stage curtains at Allgrove School. The BoE kindly requests this funding be rolled over to the 2020-2021 school year.

\$46,200 ~ high school parking lot paving repairs

For discussion and Board of Education approval at the 6/8/2020 meeting.

Parking lot repaving for the high school can be moved back another year, however, there are areas behind the high school and middle school commons that recently had trees removed by EGDW because the tree roots were causing damage to the buildings. The roots of those trees have caused the paved areas to buckle and are dangerous to walk near. These areas will be discussed and assessed for repaving cost during the next BOE Facilities Sub-Committee Meeting on 6/11/2020.

2018-2019 Capital Approved Plan
Program Capital – technology equipment (\$60,000)

For discussion and Board of Education approval at the 6/8/2020 meeting. The funds have not been expended.