



# Town of Orange, Connecticut

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## Unapproved Meeting Minutes 01-10-2019

### Town of Orange Ad Hoc Capital Planning Committee

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Ralph Okenquist at 7:02 p.m.

Members in attendance were Ralph Okenquist, Frederick Kendrick, Michael Luzzi, Joseph Lembo, Donald Wall, Robert Brinton, and Robert Gagne, William Powell, Anthony Nardecchia, and Ronald LaMorte.

Members Absent: None.

Finance Director John Cifarelli attended along with Dr. Vince Scarpetti and the following members of the B.O.E.; Bill Kraut, Ken Ziman, Mary Jo Sierakowski, Mary Welander, and Matt Ullring.

Bob Brinton, Public Works Director/Town Engineer, added the following as item #4 to the Public Works Department notes dated 12/13/2018: Municipal Storm Water Sewer Systems (MS4 (Permit. This is required by the State of Connecticut in 2020. \$55,000.

Motion was made by Joe Lembo to accept meeting minutes of December 13, 2018; a second was made by Mike Luzzi and approved by Ralph Okenquist, Fred Kendrick, Michael Luzzi, Joe Lembo, Don Wall,  
Abstentions: William Powell, Anthony Nardecchia, and Ron LaMorte.

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Dr. Vince Scarpetti, Orange Superintendent of Schools, presented the following capital requests:

#### 1. Air Conditioner Unites installed in schools

New units at Race Brook School includes all classrooms, Cafeteria and Gym. Replace existing older units that are not energy efficient in Library and Main Office.

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New units at Turkey Hill School includes all classrooms, Cafeteria and Gym.  
Complete A/C at Peck Place School by including Cafeteria and Gym.

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**New units at Mary L Tracy includes all classrooms and Gym. Replace existing older units not energy efficient in Cafeteria, School Main Office, Board Office and 2nd floor Boardroom.**

**Currently, the Building and Grounds subcommittee has approved to move forward to get a price for a study to air condition our elementary schools. The study would give the Board several options of air conditioning to meet our best needs. This will ensure a safe learning and teaching environment along with having a clean building that is environmentally safe. We are expecting a cost proposal for the study shortly to secure more accurate numbers on project scope. TBD**

## **2. Freezer Installed at Peck Place School**

**Complete new refrigerator box with new compressor/controls and defrost unit. This unit is the original freezer. Numerous service calls ranging from loss of temperature compressor issues to safety concerns regarding ice build-up in the unit itself and not being able to find heated door gaskets. Connecticut Restaurant has sent over their report regarding the condition and parts no longer being available. \$50,000**

## **3. Intercom Speaker System Add-On for Lockdown Announcements**

**In an effort to improve upon school safety, the Technology Services department is requesting funds to improve the capabilities of our existing speaker system. The improvements include adding specialized speakers and strobe lights in noisy spaces such as gymnasiums and cafeterias throughout the school district. Additionally, we'll be able to broadcast emergency lockdowns and drills over the new phone system. Lastly, we'll replace non-functioning speakers \$35,000**

## **4. Ceiling replacement-Turkey Hill Library and BOE Conference Room**

**Condition of Turkey Hill ceiling is a safety concern with a good majority of panels sagging. Current panels are a heavy textured with ceiling packed insulation preventing the room to breathe properly. BOE Conference room is similar in nature with the same conditions. \$33,000**

## **5. Motorola Digital Connect Radio System**

**This would allow any BOE radio be able to communicate school and town wide. Utility Communications is on the state bid list for this request. This system will allow communication easily among our four schools; board office and town police station. This security enhancement will allow improved and secure communication, especially in an emergency situation. \$22,000**

## **6. Paving of MLT:**

**Current condition of asphalt, front drop-off circle consists of several overlays (patch (that is uneven and fragmented. The primary parking also is fragmented and uneven. The current conditions listed above have safety concerns. \$129,000**

**7. Smart Board Replacements**

The existing Smart Boards are 7+ years old making the purchasing of replacement parts a big challenge. Most parts available to purchase are usually previously owned and do not offer a long term repair for our school district.

We currently have 99 Smart Boards located in classrooms at all four schools. They are used by teachers on a daily basis as their primary choice for delivering digital instruction to their students. This product has proved to be a worthwhile investment for the Orange Board of Education by supporting teachers and students to collaborate interactively.

**Pricing Options:**

<b>Option A: Replace 20 at a time over 5 years at an annual cost</b>	<b>\$89,100</b>
<b>Option 8: Replace all 99 Smart Boards for fiscal year 2019-2020</b>	<b>\$445,500</b>

**8. Cameras on Buses:**

The primary use of the school bus video is to monitor the environment inside the bus. Video footage will be available to school administrators in order to assist in identifying behavior concerns and allowing appropriate action and then monitoring of that behavior going forward.

**\$47,500**

**9. Furniture Solutions for Flexible Learning Environments**

The classroom furniture in our schools is aging and we are developing a long-range replacement plan. We want to invest in furniture solutions that provide easily altered opportunities for variability and support flexible multifunctional learning environments. When configured to align with specific methods of instruction (collaboration and small group work, explicit instruction, quiet reflective work, inquiry, creative project work (these learning classrooms create conditions for productive physical and intellectual development. In addition, chairs, stools, tables provide freedom of move.

(70 classrooms ( \$8-10,000 per classroom

**The next meeting will be 01/17/2019**

**Motion to adjourn was made at 7:56 p.m. by Bob Gagne, seconded by Anthony Nardecchia.**

**Respectfully submitted**

**Frederick A. Kendrick**