



bookkeeping errors will be corrected. She emphasized that any identified overspending from previous years was the result of town accounting errors, not Board of Education actions.

### **III.D. Special Education Tuition/Excess Cost**

Dr. Petrone noted that many factors impacting the budget are beyond the district's control. He stated that he has some creative ideas to help mitigate certain expenses for the coming year. A line item for magnet schools will be included in the budget, based on historical data. He also discussed outplacement students and the importance of monitoring that they continue to reside in the district while attending outplacement programs.

### **III.E. Preschool Fund**

There were no questions.

### **III.F. Food Service**

There is a positive balance in the food service account.

## **IV. Information and Possible VOTE: Approve the CIP FY2027-2031**

Dr. Petrone stated that he met with the team today to ensure all requested items were included. The group reviewed statutory mandates and the septic system. J. Beausoleil requested a follow-up at a future meeting regarding the cost of keeping school in session if the septic system were to fail while waiting for replacement. C. Rossignol requested that desktops be moved to priority one. There was also discussion on ensuring the generator operates consistently and exploring potential solutions, possibly through grant funding. The lecture hall description will be updated for clarity.

### **Consensus to move forward to the full Board**

## **V. Information: Additional Security Camera Needs**

Dr. Petrone requested funds to install cameras at each site, with full access for the police. The request is not currently included in the CIP list and will be considered for Year 2. While there was some hesitation to allocate funding for this project during this budget cycle, the consensus was to add it to the CIP list.

## **VI. Information: Out of District Tuition**

Dr. Petrone stated that efforts are underway to generate additional revenue and that there is space at the academy that could be utilized for this purpose.

## **VII. Information: Dime Oil FY2027**

There were no questions.

## **VIII. Discussion: Facility Items**

### **VIII.A. CGS Heating**

A few weeks ago, CGS experienced a heating issue when both boilers went down. The problem was identified quickly and repairs were made promptly

**VIII.B. GHR Heating**

GHR experienced a leak in a heating coil, with replacement costs estimated at \$200,000-\$250,000. When the time comes for the District to replace the unit, we would seek reimbursement through a state grant.

**VIII.C. CHS Old Gym Lights**

The replacement cost for the lights is \$6,500, with funding available in the Building Use Fund.

There was consensus to move forward with the facility items.

**IX. Information: Business Office Software Upgrade**

C. Bradshaw-Hill has been working with Tyler Technologies on the transition to the cloud. The project is currently on pause due to some non-negotiable issues that were identified. Tyler Technologies is addressing the issue.

**X. Information: US Department of Education Update**

Dr Petrone stated that the Federal Government is dividing up responsibilities of USDE across other federal agencies; this is not currently impacting Connecticut. The situation will continue to be monitored.

**XI. Information: Building Committee Update**

Eversource is scheduled to complete work on December 31<sup>st</sup>, related to the HVAC project at CHS. An update was provided regarding an error in a change order submission for the CHS Roof project.

**XII. Adjournment**

**MOTION: To adjourn the Fiscal Meeting at 7:00 p.m.**

**By: C. Rossignol**

**Seconded: M. Kortmann**

**Result: Motion carries unanimously**

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Respectfully submitted:

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Tricia Dean  
Board Clerk

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