

A Special Meeting of the Ellington Board of Education was held on Tuesday, October 25, 2022, in the Ellington High School Library, 37 Maple Street, Ellington, CT 06029.

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. by Chairman Jennifer Dzen.

PRESENT Chair Jennifer Dzen, Vice Chair Dr. Michael Young, Secretary Jennifer Mullin, Treasurer Liz Nord, Gary Blanchette, Marcia Kupferschmid, Angela Moser, Kerry Socha, Miriam Underwood, Steve Viens

ALSO PRESENT Mr. Jim Fay, Ellington Board of Finance
Ms. Melinda Ferry, Ellington Board of Selectmen
Mr. Brian Greenleaf, Director of Finance and Operations
Mr. Brian Hamel, Consulting Engineering Services
Mr. Doug Harding, Ellington Board of Finance
Mr. Greg Kliman, Director of Facilities
Mr. Richard Legare, HVAC Technician
Dr. Scott Nicol, Superintendent of Schools
Mr. Dave Olender, Ellington Board of Finance
Mr. Michael Purcaro, Chair, Ellington Board of Finance
Ms. Lori Spielman, First Selectman, Ellington Board of Selectmen
Mr. Dave Stavens, Ellington Board of Selectmen
Mr. Jack Turner, Ellington Board of Selectmen

AGENDA ITEM

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Workshop to discuss possible HVAC State grant proposals with special guests, Ellington Board of Selectmen and Board of Finance.

Mr. Brian Greenleaf, Director of Finance and Operations

Mr. Greenleaf shared a [presentation](#) regarding the needs of the district for HVAC services and the grant application for the state. The grant is currently a one-time opportunity with an application deadline of December 1, 2022. There is a maximum state reimbursement rate of 55%. Mr. Greenleaf shared that the current systems were reviewed by Consulting Engineering Services (CES). Mr. Greenleaf continued on to review the High School specs and noted ongoing repairs have been made to the current systems at significant costs. The district is not looking to add additional units but to replace units at end-of-life which is anticipated in the next five years. Higher efficiency boilers will yield lower operational costs, in the long run however, there are many factors to the total yearly cost. The district aims to first install dedicated outdoor air systems (DOAS) and boiler systems, as these will have an impact on the classroom environment. Longer term plans would be to cycle new projects every 5-10 years to ensure projects do not have a significant impact on debt service. The buildings slated for replacement systems are Ellington High School, Ellington Middle School, and Center School.

A discussion ensued amongst the Boards in a workshop question and answer session.

ADJOURNMENT

First: M. Young
Second: S. Viens
To adjourn the Special Meeting of the Board (9:12 p.m.)
The motion carried.