
Commack U.F.S.D. Board of Education

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT
NOVEMBER 14, 2019



Agenda



Facilities and Energy
Performance Contract
Update

Capital Projects and Bond
Update

Committee Updates

- Legislative Advocacy Committee
- Vaping Task Force
- Strategic Planning Commission

State of the District: Facilities



Capital Projects

Energy
Performance
Contract

Equipment

Elementary &
Secondary
School Upgrades

Safety & Security
Upgrades

Capital Projects

2001 Bond Fund (\$4.9M as of 06/2019)

Elevator Upgrades (Burr, MSIS, CMS & CHS)	\$1,090,878	Complete
Initial CHS Site Restoration and Bleachers	\$673,668	Complete
Site Restoration/Track	\$752,247	Pending SED Approval
CMS Roof	\$1,312,288	Complete
18-19 Debt Service	\$300,000	Complete
19-20 Debt Service	\$800,000	Complete

\$0 Remaining

General Fund (\$6.79M as of 11/2018)

Turf Field	\$1,077,503	Pending SED Approval
CHS Site Refurbishment/Security Vestibule	\$986,734	Pending SED Approval
Security Transaction Windows (CMS, NR, IH, WP & RH)	\$64,811	Complete

\$5M Remaining

Energy Performance Contract - \$14.5M

- Roof Replacements (CHS, Indian Hollow & Rolling Hills)
- Boiler Replacements (Rolling Hills & North Ridge)
- Co-Gen Installations (Burr & MSIS)
- PV Installations (CHS, Indian Hollow, Rolling Hills & North Ridge)
- Lighting upgrades (District-Wide)
- HVAC Upgrades (District-Wide)
- Plug Load Controllers (District-Wide)
- Ceiling Replacement (CHS)



General Fund Equipment Purchased



Two
Maintenance
Vehicles

Two Security
Vehicles



Tractor
Upgrades

Grounds
Trailer

Elementary Schools Upgrades

- Playground equipment replacement (NR & WP)
- Asphalt installations (RH)
- Fencing installations (RH & WP)
- Flooring replacements (WP & Burr)
- Folding wall replacements (Burr & MSIS)
- Window treatments (NR, Burr, MSIS & WP)
- Classroom sink base replacement (WP & IH)
- Elevator refurbishment (Burr & MSIS)



Secondary Schools Upgrades

- Serving line replacement (CMS)
- Tennis court refurbishment (CHS & CMS)
- Football goalpost replacement (CMS)
- Elevator refurbishment (CHS & CMS)
- Roof replacement (CHS & CMS)
- Window treatments (CHS)
- Door hardware upgrades (CHS & CMS)



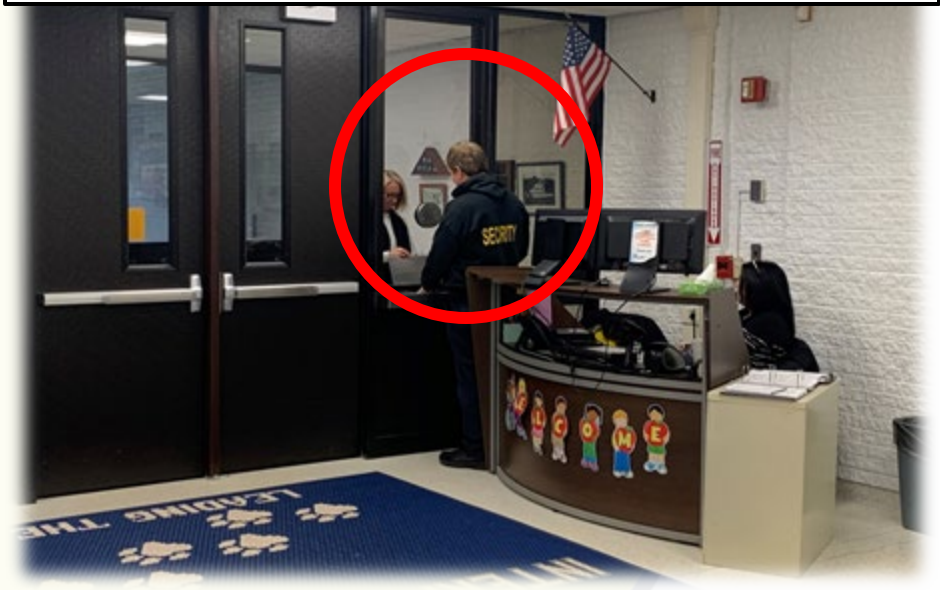
Safety & Security Upgrades

Both designs allow for visitors to be processed through the visitor management system PRIOR to being granted access into the building

Transaction Windows



Security Vestibules



Head of Security with 26 years of NYPD experience in place and actively reviewing safety protocols, recommending improvements, handling cases and consulting with Covert Investigations, our security advisor.

Questions from the Board of Education



A Message from the Board and Superintendent Regarding the Proposed Capital Projects and Bond: *Building for Access and Opportunity*

The capital projects described, and necessary bond issue assure state of the art technology, security and instructional spaces to support each student's overall well-rounded education.

The Board of Education and Superintendent thank you for your continued and ongoing support.



"Our aim in Commack is to prepare every student for whatever they want to achieve when they leave our schools." – Dr. Donald James

Commack's Capital Projects and Bond: Building for Access and Opportunity

Every School Will Receive:

- Infrastructure Upgrades (i.e. masonry, etc.)
- Security Upgrades/Enhancements (i.e. cameras)
- Technology Infrastructure (i.e. fiber optics)
- Large Group Area Air Conditioning (i.e. gyms, cafeterias)

Secondary Schools Will Also Receive:

- Enhanced Instructional Spaces (i.e. science labs, etc.)
- Athletic Field Upgrades (i.e. multi-sport, softball, etc.)



Access
and
Opportunity

**\$67.6M with NO
increase to taxes!**

Due to multi-year planning, these projects will NOT cause an increase to taxes!

Primary Schools Projects



Access
and
Opportunity

School	Year Built	Years Old
Indian Hollow	1963	56
North Ridge	1962	57
Rolling Hills	1967	52
Wood Park	1961	58

Primary Schools Cost \$7.2M - Projected

- Air conditioning in cafeterias and gyms
- Student restroom renovations (*restrooms are original*)
- Adult restroom renovations (*restrooms are original*)
- Security upgrades (*cameras, etc.*)
- Fiber optic upgrades

North Ridge & Indian Hollow

- Masonry and asphalt renovations/repairs
 - i.e. curbing and bus loops



Photos for illustrative purposes only

Intermediate Schools Projects

Intermediate Schools Cost \$9.5M - Projected

- Air conditioning in cafeterias and gyms
- Student restroom renovations (*restrooms are original*)
- Adult restroom renovations (*restrooms are original*)
- Security upgrades (*cameras, etc.*)
- Renovate auditoriums
(*acoustical wallpaper and replace stage floors*)
- Fiber optic upgrades
- Hot water heater replacement

School	Year Built	Years Old
Burr	1972	47
Sawmill	1972	47



Burr Intermediate School

- Parking lot repaving



Commack Middle School Projects

Commack Middle School Cost \$17.2M - Projected

- Security upgrades
 - Door monitoring system
 - High definition cameras
 - Door sensors
- Renovate instructional spaces (*i.e. classrooms, labs*)
- Restroom upgrades
 - Renovate 10 student restrooms
 - Retrofit remainder of original student restrooms
 - Renovate 6 adult restrooms



Year Built: 1968
Years Old: 51

Commack Middle School Projects

Commack Middle School Cost \$17.2M - Projected

- Fiber optic upgrades
- Roof replacement (130K sq. ft.)
- Air conditioning in large group areas
 - Cafeteria and gym
 - Counseling center
- New multi-sport turf field
- Rehabilitate existing upper field



Year Built: 1968
Years Old: 51

Commack High School Projects

Commack High School Cost \$16.6M - Projected

- Security upgrades
 - Door monitoring system
 - High definition cameras
 - Door sensors
- Renovate instructional spaces (*i.e. classrooms, labs*)
- Restroom upgrades
 - Renovate 10 student restrooms
 - Retrofit remainder of original student restrooms
 - Renovate 6 adult restrooms



Year Built: 1961
Years Old: 58

Commack High School Projects

Commack High School Cost \$16.6M - Projected

- Air conditioning in large group areas
 - Cafeteria and gyms
- Install turf baseball/softball infields and reconfigure according to architectural recommendations
- Repave damaged parking lots
- Fiber optic upgrades



Year Built: 1961
Years Old: 58

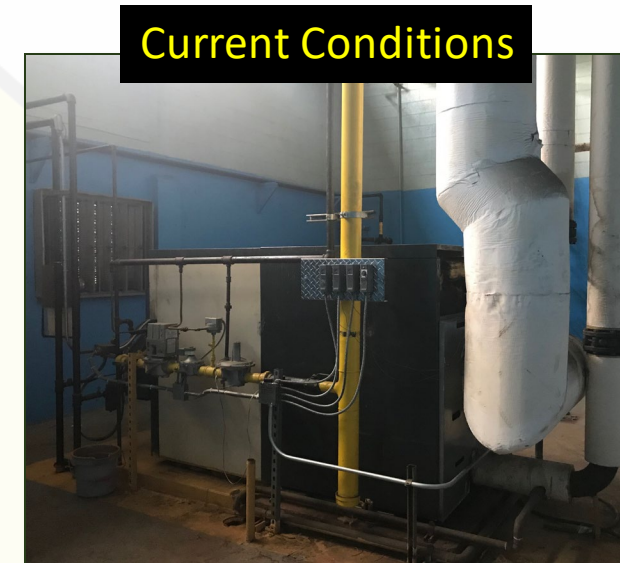
Auxiliary Buildings / Rental Properties

Positive Cash Flow

Auxiliary Buildings Cost \$17.1M - Projected

- Roof Replacement \$8.5M
 - Cedar Road, Long Acres, Old Farms, Sagtikos
- Window Replacement \$7.4M
 - Cedar Road, Long Acres, Old Farms, Smiths Lane
- Exterior Door Replacement \$267K
 - Cedar Road, Old Farms, Smiths Lane
- Boiler and Hot Water Heater Replacement \$885K
 - Long Acres and Old Farms

School	Year Built	Years Old
Cedar Road: SCOPE (Pre-K & Daycare) Commack Summer Special Education Program	1960	59
Long Acres: Kiddie Care (Pre-K & Daycare)	1962	57
Old Farms: Childcare Council of Suffolk County Commack Textbook Program Ohman School of Ballet	1963	56
Sagtikos: Building Blocks (Pre-K & Special Education Program School)	1965	54
Smiths Lane: United Cerebral Palsy	1957	62



Hubbs Administration Building - No Scheduled Upgrades

No Increase to Taxes

How will we do that?

Available Funding

✓ \$2.25M that we use annually for upgrades and repairs (budget code 9950-900)

✓ 63.7% building aid on the majority of this project

✓ Portion of 2001 Bond paid off \$0.5M

Bond Payment

✓ \$2.2M we will get from budget code 9950-900

✓ \$2.4M we will get in building aid (63.7%)

✓ \$0.5M available money due to portion of paid off bond

\$5.1M total available funding

=

\$5.1M average bond payment

Expected Timeline for Project Completion

- Security Upgrades: 6 – 18 months
- Bathrooms: 6 – 24 months
- Athletic Fields: 12 – 24 months
- Instructional Spaces: 12 – 24 months
- Fiber Optics: 12 – 24 months
- Roofs: 18 – 24 months
- Air Conditioning in Large Group Areas: 18 – 36 months



Project completion is dependent on the following variables:

- Required SED Approvals 12 weeks – 50 weeks
- Some projects are dependent on other projects (i.e. can't install air conditioning until roofs are complete)
- Weather
- Some construction cannot be done while school is in session

Project Timeline Begins December 4th, 2019

Commack's Capital Projects and Bond: Building for Access and Opportunity

December 3rd, 2019 Public Referendum

Commack High School and Commack Middle School

(Residents North of Jericho Tpke)

(Residents South of Jericho Tpke)

6 am – 9 pm

\$67.6M with NO increase to taxes!



Remember to Vote!

Questions from the Board of Education





Committee and NYSSBA Conference Reports

NYSSBA 2019 Conference

Law Conference Highlights : Topics included School Safety and Security, Data Privacy, Student Immunizations, Updates on New Laws and Regulation, Providing Services the Students with Issues, and School Boards Authority

Sessions that I attended included:

- A) Building Diverse Teams Through Visioning and Mentoring
- B) Better Attendance Grades and Behavior with Food
- C) Full STEAM Ahead
- D) Free Speech in the Age of Social Media
- E) Meeting Expectation: Communicating with Parents in 2019

NYSSBA 2019 Conference

Annual Business Meeting

A total of 26 resolutions were discussed at the meeting:

- A) 21 were supported
- B) 3 were opposed
- C) 2 were tabled

Discussions focused on not adding any new unfunded mandates through NYSSBA legislative priorities, funding for school security, rising costs of special education and lowering the bus driver age from 21 to 18.

Information from this meeting was provided to Ms. Goldberg and we can use it to help strengthen our Legislative platform for Lobby Day.

Legislative Advocacy Committee Updates

Guest visit from Senator John Flanagan on Monday, October 28, 2019

Student advocates met and reviewed various platform items and will begin forming teams with community residents and District staff related to topic of interest.

Upcoming Actions:

Next meeting: [Wednesday, November 20, 2019](#)





Strategic Planning Commission

Why

Phase 1 – Identify a Need, Purpose, and Engage a Commission

As a result of our culture of continuous review and improvement, identified shifts in student interest, teacher strengths, staffing trends, and declining enrollment, have resulted in the need for the renewal of the District's desired future state, including its K-12 educational programs (Spring 2019).



How

Phase 2 – Activate the “Growing THE Vision” subcommittee to Renew the District’s Future Desired State Through Engagement

The Growing THE Vision: Student Success Committee will identify how stakeholders envision the improvement of the overall student experience at Commack, with a particular focus on what goes on inside the classroom.



What

Phase 3 - Activate Additional Subcommittee

Vaping Task Force Update



Update: First meeting November 13, 2019

Presentation: Vaping and Smoking Cessation conducted by Dr. Siddiqui and Dr. Fagan.

Dr. Siddiqui and Dr. Fagan of NYU shared the realities of the Teen Vaping Epidemic.

The committee is exploring resources to provide developmentally appropriate educational programs for students and raise community awareness. Advocacy for legislation to address the vaping crisis was also identified as a committee goal.

The next meeting will be held between the Thanksgiving break and the December break.

Task Force Members:

Dr. Donald A. James – Superintendent of Schools

Amy J. Ryan – Assistant Superintendent for CIA

Jarrett Behar – Board of Education

Jordan Cox – Executive Director of Instructional Services

Leslie Boritz – Principal Commack High School

Michael Larson – Principal Commack Middle School

Andrea Allen – Assistant Principal, Commack High School

Evelyn Cárdenas – Assistant Principal, Commack Middle School

Wendy Frankonis – Teacher, Commack High School

Kimberly Radziul – Social Worker, Commack High School

Jeff DiLorenzo - Counselor, Commack Middle School

Christine Wright – Nurse

Christopher Guiffre – Security

Five Parent Participants

Student Participants