

Executive Summary

Date: May 22, 2018
To: Seth Morton, Moderator, Representative Town Meeting
From: Kate Clarke Buch, Town Administrator
RE: Appropriation and Bond Authorization for Board of Education Capital Projects

At the May 7, 2018 meeting of the Board of Selectmen, the Selectmen approved the appropriation and bonding resolutions for the Turf Field Replacement Project and the Holmes Elementary School Roof and Skylight and Roof Replacement Project. At the May 17, 2018 meeting of the Board of Finance, the Board of Finance approved the appropriation and bonding authorizations for these projects.

The information presented in this memo describing the projects comes from the Board of Education budget document. Any further information requested on the projects, not the funding, should be directed to BOE staff.

The turf baseball field appropriation is for \$585,000. This includes the estimated cost of the project of \$575,000 and issuance costs of \$10,000. The field is approaching the end of its useful life. The goal is to replace the existing field with new turf that will accommodate both baseball and field hockey. With work taking place over the summer, the field should be ready for fall baseball and field hockey programs at the start of their seasons.

The appropriation for the Holmes School skylight and roof replacement is \$1,020,000. This is comprised of \$124,592 for the skylight, \$879,471 for the roof and \$15,937 for issuance costs. The skylight, which is not insulated, currently leaks and is covered by a tarp. It would be replaced with an insulated skylight which retains the appearance of the original building. It will improve energy efficiency and bring natural light into the gym. The roof shingles are over 20 years old, which is the expected useful life for such shingles. The plan is to replace the roof and the skylight at the same time.