A. A special session of the Dover School Board was called to order by Chair Amanda Russell on Monday, August 21, 2017 at 6:33 P.M. in the Media Center (Rm 306) of the McConnell Center.

B. **ROLL CALL**: Present were Amanda Russell, Kathy Morrison, Keith Holt, Michelle Muffett-Lipinski, Matt Lahr, and Carolyn Mebert. Betsey Andrews Parker was excused. Also present was: Business Administrator Libby Simmons, GES Principal Beth Dunton, GES JBC member Steve Haight, Mark Lee and Dan Bisson from Harriman Architects.

C. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Keith Holt led the Pledge of Allegiance.

D. **CITIZEN'S FORUM (LIMITED TO AGENDA ITEMS):** No one addressed the Board.

E. **CONSENT AGENDA**

a. Resignations
b. Nominations

Keith Holt moved, Matt Lahr seconded to approve the consent agenda as amended. An oral **VOTE PASSED 6/0.**

F. **CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN:**

a. Ms. Simmons reviewed the complete CIP with the Board. Mr. Holt summarized the GES construction project stating that JBC had voted to ask the Board to approve an additional $5.5 million for the project which would include renovation of the 3 wings, life-safety upgrades and a change to the main entrance which would make it more secure. Other options would be to not approve any additional money which would limit the scope of work and only allow 2 wings to be updated or to approve an additional $1.2 million which would allow the 3-wing renovation and all life -safety requirements. This additional funding would be in addition to the current GES JBC budget of approximately $7.02 million.

Mr. Holt continued to say that as the committee progressed in their work, other issues were found including front entrance and traffic issues. He added that some committee members had reservations about requesting the additional $5.5 million and there was a great deal of discussion on the options. The request for $5.5 million was scaled back from a budget of $22 million (including $7.02M already budgeted) which would be a 4 phase project with a complete renovation with additional classrooms.

Mr. Holt added that if the $1.2 million was not approved, they would recommend holding off on the project at this time.

Mark Lee and Dan Bisson from Harriman Architects provided more insight on the project and stated that with the current budget, only 2 wings would be able to be completed. They cited issues with accessibility, indoor air quality, compliance, electrical and mechanical infrastructure and plumbing.

The committee felt that it wouldn't be fair to complete 2 of the 3 wings.

Mr. Lee added that asbestos tile is on floor and it should be removed. Testing is being completed now to determine the extent. Mr. Holt commented that there is a small contingency in case other hazardous material is found.

Ms. Simmons stated the impact of the $6.9 million budget in FY19 is approximately $670,000 to the general fund.

Mr. Russell reminded that if the project is delayed, the cost will increase each year. The original amount of $6.9 million that was placed in the CIP years ago was an estimate and is inaccurate at this point. The District needs to stop the habit of pushing projects off to other Boards in the future.

Dr. Mebert acknowledged that some of the renovations are necessary, but since the District doesn't have the money to complete all, she believes $1.2 million should be requested in the CIP. She added that GES isn't a meeting or community place so just necessities should be done at this point and she would not support the request for $5.5 million.

Mr. Haight addressed the Board also and added that there are internal structural problems that need to be fixed. He reiterated points made on the project and even though he is fiscally conservative, he is supportive of the $5.5 million plan.

Mr. Lee commented that for every year delayed, the cost increases by an approximate 5% escalation.

Keith Holt moved, Kathy Morrison seconded to approve the CIP as presented, but without #7, (Garrison Elementary School Improvements). A roll call **VOTE PASSED 6/0.**

The Board discussed the GES project in further detail stating that they realize the City Council would like a tax cap budget and they will still need to fund the DTU contract in its second year. They all agreed it was a difficult decision and added that the Facilities Study is crucial since there are many unknowns.

Carolyn Mebert moved, Michelle Muffett-Lipinski seconded to approve #7 (Garrison Elementary School Improvements) in the CIP for $1.2 million and not the $5.5 million in the CIP presented. A roll call **VOTE PASSED 6/0.**

Ms. Simmons asked if the additional $4.3 million should be included in the CIP in later years to which Ms. Russell commented that it should not be included since the number will be changing and would not feel comfortable with the figure.

H. AWARD BID—MONITORS

Kathy Morrison moved, Michelle Muffett-Lipinski seconded to award the bid for Monitors to Sterling. A roll call **VOTE PASSED 6/0.**

It was requested that Mr. Myers present information on technology at a future School Board meeting.

K. **SCHOOL BOARD MATTERS OF INTEREST:**

Ms. Russell will request information on parking at the 8/22 DHS JBC meeting that was brought up at the last School Board meeting and bring back to the Board.

She also shared with the Board that the District has received responses from 4 communities regarding sharing of legal costs for action taken against the State regarding adequacy. Three have agreed to pay a portion (totaling about $1000) and one of the larger communities has opted not to pay a portion.

There will be a Special Session on 8/28 at 6:00 to approve Superintendent goals.

L. **ADJOURNMENT:** Michelle Muffett-Lipinski moved, Carolyn Mebert seconded to adjourn the Special Session at 7:45 p.m. An oral **VOTE PASSED 6/0.**