



FACILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING

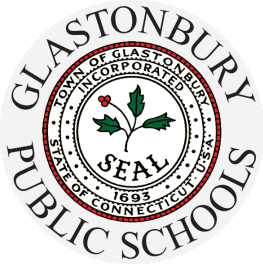
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1. Five Year Facilities Plan 2022-2027



GLASTONBURY BOARD OF EDUCATION FIVE-YEAR FACILITIES PLAN (2022 - 2027)

INTRODUCTION

In April 2022, the BOE Facilities Committee began discussions on a new five-year facilities plan. The committee began by reviewing the district's previous facilities plan (2016–2021). School administrators then gathered input from building level staff, maintenance staff, athletics staff, and Town of Glastonbury staff. After several more committee meetings and discussion at regular Board meetings, a list of potential items was developed. The district held a public hearing on the five-year facilities plan on September 12, 2022.

LOOKING BACK

The previous (2016-2021) District Facilities Plan included six objectives that were pursued during this time period.

1. Provide Air Conditioning to Buttonball School, Hebron Avenue School, Hopewell School, Naubuc School and Gideon Welles School.

This objective was completed in 2018 and all Glastonbury Schools are now equipped with air conditioning to help ensure optimal learning conditions.

2. Provide Appropriate Locker Room Space and a Weight Room for the Athletic Complex

The GHS Field House ribbon cutting celebration took place on August 11, 2022. This modern facility will serve our student-athletes, coaches, visiting teams, officials and fans for years to come. The weight room was eliminated from this project due to cost concerns. It is proposed for the upcoming five-year plan.

3. Install a Turf Field on the Baldwin Fields at Glastonbury High School.

Hartwell Soccer Club originally proposed a new turf field facility that was supported by the Board of Education but did not involve public funding. The plans stalled and the pandemic occurred. Additional turf fields are proposed in the new five-year plan.

4. Develop and Implement a Plan for the Reconfiguration of Naubuc School's open classroom space.

Funding has been approved and construction on the second floor is slated to begin Summer of 2023. It is expected to take one year to complete.

Enhancements to close open instructional spaces on the first floor were completed in the summer of 2022 at a minimal cost.

5. Upgrade Softball and Baseball Fields at Glastonbury High School.

Softball field upgrades have been completed and include improvements to the infield, dugouts, irrigation system, and fencing. At this time, the varsity baseball team is playing home games at Riverfront Park. The GHS Athletic Department continues to evaluate the field needs of the program.

6. Consider Construction of an Auxiliary Gymnasium at Glastonbury High School

This project was not pursued given costs and other priorities.

Based on feedback from stakeholders, and in further consultation with the administration, the Facilities Committee established goals for district educational facilities for 2022-2027.

MOVING FORWARD

Based on feedback from stakeholders, public comments, and consultation with the administration, the Facilities Committee has established the following goals for district educational facilities for 2022-2027. (Currently listed in no particular order)

Strength and Conditioning Facility at GHS

Strength and conditioning is an essential program for our GHS athletic teams. Our current leased, off-site location is difficult for student-athletes to access on a regular basis. It is not a long-term solution. Based on initial feasibility information, a location adjacent to GHS Field House is currently under consideration.

Additional Turf Fields at GHS

Turf fields offer better training options and a greater flexibility in scheduling both practices and games in a variety of weather conditions. Rectangular, multi-use fields would serve both GHS student-athletes and youth teams. Our soccer, field hockey and lacrosse teams prefer turf for practices and games as our opponents use this surface. A feasibility study will consider the Baldwin fields (#12 and #13) as a potential site for this project.



Additional Restrooms at GHS Fields

At this time Glastonbury High School has permanent restrooms located only at the fieldhouse. Portable toilets service other fields. This project proposes additional restroom facilities at athletic fields located further from the fieldhouse.

Athletic Field Accessibility at GHS

While our facilities are in compliance with applicable codes, handicap accessibility could be improved. This could include ramps and/or additional pathways dependent upon field layout.

Elementary School Space

In 2021, Hopewell School 5th grade was relocated to Gideon Welles School. We continue to carefully track enrollment and space needs at each of our elementary schools, particularly Hebron Avenue and Buttonball. Long-term options for elementary space need to be developed and could include an expansion of Gideon Welles for additional sections of grade 5.

Elementary Improvements/Standardization

While each of our elementary school buildings is different, we will evaluate potential facility improvements and look to standardize where possible. This could include small instructional spaces, storage spaces, flooring, lighting and exterior enhancements such as outdoor learning space, landscaping, walkways, and signage.

Environmental Sustainability

Glastonbury Public Schools will work to reduce the environmental footprint of our operations. In particular we will collaborate with facilities and food service to identify best practices. We will begin our transition to an electric bus fleet per state law and have applied for available grants.

Other District (Non-Classroom) Space

Our Facilities Department has outgrown its current space at Glastonbury High School. We will consider alternative locations for our custodial and maintenance operations. Relocation of the Facilities Department would also free up additional and much-needed storage space for the district. The current lease for our Central Office ends in 2026. Options for a permanent location will be considered. We will collaborate with the Town of Glastonbury on these facility needs.