

APPENDIX A

COST SAVINGS AND EFFICIENCIES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019

TOTAL ANNUAL SAVINGS TO-DATE OF: \$52,451

\$13,946 Cable Advisory Grant: One of the high school teachers, Jeremy Iverson, applied for and received a grant from Cable Advisory Grant. The grant is to be used to purchase production equipment for the film courses and production room. This reduces the amounts that would be funded through the general fund.

\$10,840 Meter Rate: Jim Saisa negotiated with a lower rate for one of the sewer meters for the fuel cell. The fuel cell does not inject water into the sewer system and the meter charge was adjusted.

\$3,800 Science Textbooks: Enrollment in science course is higher than budgeted and more textbooks were needed. Mr. Amato, the Science Department Chairperson, negotiated with the textbook vendor for complimentary copies to supplement our order.

\$3,000 Freezer Coil – In-house personnel replaced a freezer coil at Amity High School at \$3,000 less than the quoted outside contractor price.

\$15,500 Truck Repairs: The District work truck, purchased in 2006, had developed some problems. Extensive use to salt the lots and sidewalks along with other heavy work use had rendered the truck bed unsafe and therefore, unusable. The truck was also in need of much needed maintenance such as brakes, front end work, and frame painting. Rather than request a replacement vehicle, the facilities department looked at options to make the truck safe and even more usable again. We purchased a stainless steel flat bed to replace the corroded stock bed and all of the other necessary parts to overhaul the truck. We involved our building maintainer, who is a talented mechanic, as well as the Career and Technical Education teachers and classes at Amity Regional High School. This was a valuable, real-life learning experience for the students in the Career and Technical Education classes. Together, the team replaced the bed on the truck, painted the frame, replaced the entire brake system, updated the lighting, and other minor needed repairs. The result is a nicely refurbished truck that has even greater flexibility to suit the Facility Department's needs. The total dollar layout was around \$4,500. The estimated cost if the truck was taken to an outside facility for the repairs is over \$10,000. The truck replacement cost, were it to be requested, would have been \$20,000 +. We are proud of our efforts to involve students and maximize value wherever we can.

\$4,865 Metal Fabrication: The in-floor grease pit in the kitchen at Amity Regional High School had deteriorated and became corroded over time. Our in-house maintainer obtained a price of \$5,000 to obtain a pre-fabricated replacement. This price was too high. We worked with the Industrial Arts department teachers. With their help, the students measured and designed a replacement. We ordered the materials and the

students fabricated the new replacement. It was then installed by in-house personnel. This cost of materials was \$135, thus saving \$4,865. It was another good project partnering with students to gain experience in a real-life fabrication.

\$500 Calculators: \$500 or more saved by the high school math department. Dameon Kellog researched buying refurbished calculators instead of new ones.

There is a detailed history of the District's efforts to save dollars and operate efficiently. This information is posted on the District's website:

- Energy Savings Initiatives for the past decade
<http://www.amityregion5.org/boe/sub-committees/finance-committe>
- District recognized CQIA Innovation Prize for Fostering a District Culture of Maximizing Cost Savings and Efficiencies
<http://www.amityregion5.org/boe/sub-committees/finance-committee2>