

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

DATE: August 17, 2023
TOPIC: #6.2 - Minnesota Department of Education Review and Comment
PRESENTER: Dan Pyan, Executive Director of Finance and Operations
REFERENCE TO POLICY/STATUTE: MN Statute, section 123B.71

A. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- a. South Washington County Schools submitted a review and comment of its \$201,225,000 facility package to address projected enrollment growth for the next 5 years.
- b. The facility package requires a bond election on November 7, 2023.
- c. The Minnesota Department of Education has returned a positive review of the facility plan.
- d. Minnesota Statutes, Section 123B.71 requires the school board hold a public meeting to discuss the review and comment prior to the date of the bond referendum election. .
- e. This information item is satisfying the requirement, the School Board will receive information about the review and comment.

B. RECOMMENDATION

- a. Information

C. CONNECTION TO STRATEGIC PRIORITY

- a. Student Experience
- b. Student Pathways and Systemic Supports
- c. Operations, Staffing, and Finance
- d. Engagement and Partnerships



Description of Proposed School Construction Project

South Washington County Public School District, ISD #0833-01, is proposing a two question bond referendum on November 7, 2023. The first ballot question would authorize \$160,875,000 in bonding authority to finance districtwide facility improvements. The second ballot question would authorize an additional \$40,350,000 in bonding authority to finance additional, districtwide facility upgrades. The proposed projects would be scheduled for completion in calendar years 2024 through 2027. Cost estimates by ballot question/location/project component are as follows:

Ballot Question #1					
East Ridge High School - add 590 seats		Park High School - add 107 seats		Woodbury High School - add 90 seats	
Remodel	237,600	Remodel	8,454,150	Remodel	18,046,765
Additions	20,528,528	Maintenance	400,000	Maintenance	550,000
Site Work	2,500,000	Additions	14,294,352	Additions	7,209,890
Storm Shelter Allowance	1,500,000	Site Work	2,250,000	Site Work	2,500,000
Contingency	4,488,860	Storm Shelter Allowance	1,500,000	Storm Shelter Allowance	1,500,000
Permits/Fees/Services	5,200,887	Contingency	4,875,353	Contingency	5,402,457
FF&E / Technology	1,300,222	Permits/Fees/Services	5,648,685	Permits/Fees/Services	6,259,398
	35,756,097	FF&E / Technology	1,412,172	FF&E / Technology	1,564,849
			38,834,712		43,033,359
Oltman Middle School - add 304 seats		Cottage Grove Middle School		Woodbury Middle School	
Remodel	232,100	Remodel	268,620	Remodel	1,704,340
Additions	14,357,124	Additions	1,941,199	Additions	1,186,290
Site Work	1,750,000	Site Work	450,000	Convert Pool to Classrooms	4,383,970
Storm Shelter Allowance	1,500,000	Contingency	482,092	Site Work	450,000
Contingency	3,233,359	Permits/Fees/Services	558,562	Contingency	605,490
Permits/Fees/Services	3,746,238	FF&E / Technology	139,640	Permits/Fees/Services	701,532
FF&E / Technology	936,559		3,840,113	FF&E / Technology	175,383
	25,755,380	Lake Middle School			9,207,005
Other Project Costs		Remodel	268,620		
Bond Issuance	608,221	Additions	1,941,199	TOTAL COSTS - Ballot Question #1	160,875,000
		Site Work	450,000		
		Contingency	482,092		
	-	Permits/Fees/Services	558,562		
		FF&E / Technology	139,640		
			3,840,113		
Ballot Question #2					
Bailey Elementary - add 150 seats		Pine Hill Elementary - add 50 seats		Grey Cloud Elementary - Add 76 seats	
Remodel	1,177,570	Remodel	71,280	Remodel	1,159,250
Cafeteria / Kitchen Addition	3,627,823	Additions	7,526,151	Maintenance	450,000
Site Work	500,000	Site Work	500,000	Cafeteria Addition	3,423,427
Storm Shelter Allowance	750,000	Storm Shelter Allowance	750,000	Site Work	750,000
Contingency	1,097,540	Contingency	824,706	Storm Shelter Allowance	750,000
Permits/Fees/Services	1,271,632	Permits/Fees/Services	955,520	Contingency	1,184,048
FF&E / Technology	317,908	FF&E / Technology	238,881	Permits/Fees/Services	1,371,862
	8,742,473		10,866,538	FF&E / Technology	342,965
					9,431,552
Red Rock Elementary - add 50 seats		Royal Oaks Elementary		Pullman Elementary	
Addition	2,301,860	Remodel	1,820,637	Restroom Addition	1,255,770
Site Work	200,000	Contingency	329,991	Contingency	227,608
Storm Shelter Allowance	500,000	Permits/Fees/Services	477,917	Permits/Fees/Services	329,640
Contingency	544,087		2,628,545		1,813,018
Permits/Fees/Services	630,391	Hillside Elementary			
FF&E / Technology	157,597	Restroom Renovations	836,325	Crestview Elementary	
	4,333,935	Contingency	151,584	Restroom Renovations	836,325
Other Project Costs		Permits/Fees/Services	219,535	Contingency	151,584
Bond Issuance	119,051		1,207,444	Permits/Fees/Services	219,535
					1,207,444
		TOTAL COSTS - Ballot Question #2	40,350,000		

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The district is expecting enrollment growth in excess of 20%, or 4,000 students over the next ten years. Much of the anticipated enrollment growth is due to the numerous residential property developments under construction or in the planning phases for future construction. An estimated 4,000 single family homes and 3,000 multifamily units are expected to be completed in the school district over the next ten year period.

The district has supplied cost estimates to operate and staff the additional building space and it appears existing revenues, along with future revenue increases from serving additional students, will be sufficient to fund the associated operational cost increases. The proposed project appears to be in the long-term interest of the school district.

Review and Comment Statement

Based on the department's analysis of the school district's required documentation and other pertinent information from sources of the Minnesota Department of Education, the Commissioner of Education provides a positive review and comment.

Additional Information is Available

Persons desiring additional information regarding this proposal should contact the school district superintendent's office.



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Commissioner

August 14, 2023