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To: The Board of Education and Dr. Patrick Broncato, Superintendent
From: Curt Saindon, Assistant Superintendent for Business Services/CSBO
Kyle Hansen, Director of Buildings and Grounds
Date: August 14, 2026
Subject: Recommendation - CIP III – Summer 2027 Work Plan

Last month we discussed some potential projects related to next year's ongoing Capital Improvement Plan Phase Three work. Based on the list of tentative projects previously approved by the Board last winter, and in working with our Architects (Wight), Construction Managers (ICI) and Building Principals, we are hereby providing a list of recommended capital projects for 2027. With Board approval of this list in August, we would then move forward to secure Professional Service Proposals from our Architects/Engineers (Wight and AMSCO) and Construction Managers (ICI) for Board consideration in September. That would allow us to develop and let bids in October, open them in November and hopefully bring recommendations to the Board in December for this proposed work. This is for all work being presented tonight except for the proposed Electric Battery Storage System currently being contemplated. That potential project is still in the "investigation stage," and we plan to have Performance Services (PSI) come and present to the Board in September once they have completed their review of various manufacturers, brands and systems, to see if we are interested in moving forward with this potential project for next year or beyond.

We are asking the Board to approve the development of specifications for the following six projects: 1) Bathroom Renovations at Siple (4 @ \$100K), Willow Creek (4 @ \$100K) and Murphy (1 @ \$100K)...this project would replace the JJH Wall and Door Replacement Project for next year and cost the same estimated amount of money (~\$900K); 2) Siple LRC Flooring Upgrade (Est. Cost = \$50K-\$100K)...this would replace the JJH and Goodrich LRC Flooring Upgrade Project and cost \$50K to \$100K less than the original proposed projects; 3) Landscaping Renovations Districtwide (Est. Cost = \$25K-\$50K); 4) Building Automation System and Security Alarm Upgrades Districtwide (Est. Cost = \$200K-\$250K); 5) Elementary Signage Upgrades (Est. Cost = \$100K-\$200K), and; 6) JJH Battery Storage System (Est. Cost = \$1M-\$5M)...as mentioned above, this project is still in the "investigation stage" and ongoing research and investigation is being requested with a potential recommendation to proceed to the Board at a later date. The total cost for the five original projects is in the range of \$1.25M to \$1.50M, and the Battery Storage System could cost anywhere from \$1M to \$5M depending on the size of the system installed.



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It is important to note that Local, State and Federal energy and tax incentives could potentially reimburse the school district for 75% to 80% of the initial cost of a battery storage system during the first few years after installation, thereby reducing the payback period for this project to only 2.5 to 3.5 years, and providing positive cash flow to the school district of \$9M or more over the anticipated 15 years life of the system! Much like the solar arrays installed recently, these battery projects can not only pay for themselves in short order through existing grants, tax credits and incentive programs, but it can also provide significant positive cash flow and insulate the school district against future energy cost increases, while benefiting our local community immensely through grid stabilization. The key questions here are: is it safe and effective, and do we have the initial cash outlay to pay for this type of project up front, and if so, is this something that we want to take advantage of now while the incentives are still in place? With help from PSI, we would provide a much more detailed analysis in the near future for the Board to consider before moving forward and spending any significant time, incurring any costs, or even getting proposals to consider. This approval in August would allow us to move to the next step with PSI and see what options might be available to us, so that they can present their findings in September. Any future action to proceed with a specific plan or program would need to be Board approved at a future date. As always, if you would like to further discuss any of these proposed projects, their funding, or any part of the Capital Improvement Plan, please do not hesitate to ask.

RECOMMENDATION

It is the recommendation of the Administration that the Board approve the following list of proposed Capital Improvement Plan Projects for 2027 as follows: 1) Bathroom Renovations at Siple (4 @ \$100K), Willow Creek (4 @ \$100K) and Murphy (1 @ \$100K); 2) Siple LRC Flooring Upgrade (Est. Cost = \$50K-\$100K); 3) Landscaping Renovations Districtwide (Est. Cost = \$25K-\$50K); 4) Building Automation System and Security Alarm Upgrades Districtwide (Est. Cost = \$200K-\$250K); 5) Elementary Signage Upgrades (Est. Cost = \$100K-\$200K), and; 6) JJH Battery Storage System (Est. Cost = \$1M-\$5M)...as mentioned above, this project is still in the "investigation stage" and ongoing research and analysis is being requested with a potential recommendation coming to the Board at a future date. With Board approval, we would secure Professional Service Contract Proposals from Wight/AMSCO and ICI and begin planning to develop design drawings, bid specs and bid documents for these first two projects to be let this fall, with the next three projects being handled in-house and the final project to be decided on at a future date (while we continue investigating and analyzing this project).