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Topic:	Facilities Committee Recommendation
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Recommendation

I move to approve the completion of the Review and Comment for the Outdoor Educational Facility/ Instructional Field at an estimated cost of $4,200,000 to be funded with lease levy funding pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, sections 123B.71 and 126C.40, subdivision 1, and authorize the Superintendent or his/her designee to submit the proposal and supporting documentation to the Minnesota Department of Education (MDE)for review and comment.

Background Information

The district needs to address multiple issues related to the Outdoor Educational Facility / Instructional Field to the north of SFHS. For the past several months, the district has been exploring multiple options to improve the facility and field.

The Facilities Committee recommends submission of a proposal to MDE to obtain approval to allow the use of lease levy to pay for improvements to the facility and field. After submission, MDE has 60 days to respond. If approval is granted, the board would consider approval of the work and funding mechanism.

Project costs would total about $4.2 million that would be paid back over 10 years using lease levy authority. The estimated impact on the owner of a $400,000 home is about $3.50 per month. This project is in addition to the $600,000 for the tennis courts and an upcoming request for about $1.3 million to pay for soccer field parking overages and SFHS parking lot/stormwater repairs.