

The work session of the Waterville-Elysian-Morristown School Board was called to order on September 8, 2022, at 6:41 pm.

The board members in attendance were Gary Michael, June Rezac, John Bakken, Jeff Stangler, and Travis Bowman (Bowman arrived at 6:57 pm). Also in attendance were Superintendent Ryan Jensen, Margaret Jewison, and Jeff Boran.

Motion by Bakken, seconded by Stangler to approve the agenda. Unanimous, motion carried.

Discussion:

⇒ Bakken inquired if any specific outlying projects had not been completed but were outlined as a priority to be completed. Jewison/Jensen advised that there were no particular projects earmarked for completion based on the survey/questionnaire that should be incorporated immediately as to-do items. There is a list of tasks that were wish list items or partially completed projects on the original referendum work.

⇒ Rezac inquired if the tennis courts (Waterville) revamp would fall into the category for use. Rezac/Bakken have attended meetings with the Waterville Arts & Recreation Council. The group is working towards finding funding for new/additional playground equipment (Waterville) and the change/upgrade to the tennis courts to add pickleball. Rezac advised that Waterville Arts & Recreation Council have the total bid for the tennis court renovation if the members were interested in adding it to the list.

⇒ Several members raised concerns regarding the west facade: tuckpointing, parapet wall, rusty window, and door frames. Jewison advised that new windows had been installed. Boran advised that the fallen parapet wall was due to a strong windstorm last spring and is covered by insurance. Work is scheduled to repair that portion of the west facade, but the completion date is yet to be determined.

⇒ Superintendent Jensen presented a list of items that could not be completed within the disbursement framework of the original funds from the 2018 Bond Referendum. Jewison and Jensen reviewed the parameters of the funds “for improvement of the facilities.”

Location	Description	
Auditorium	Seats/Carpet	
Auditorium	Paint Ceiling	
Auditorium	Other	
Football Field	Lights	
Football Field	Bleachers & Fencing	
Football Field	Irrigation	
Softball Field	Lights	
High School Ag	Brick Wall	
Waterville Boiler Room	Glass Block	
Football Concessions	Bathrooms	
Waterville Building	Media Center Ceiling/Carpet/Furniture	
Morristown	Media Center Ceiling/Carpet/Furniture	
High School	Classroom Ceilings	5 rooms
High School	Classroom Carpet	5 rooms
High School	Classroom Doors	
Morristown	Classroom Ceilings	
Morristown	Classroom Carpet	

Location	Description	
High School	Locker Room Showers	
High School	Locker Room Floor	
Morristown	Window Shades for all Windows	
Waterville Elementary	Replace Windows	
High School	Bathrooms	
Morristown	Bathrooms	
Morristown	Locker Rooms	
High School	Classroom Furniture	5 rooms
Morristown	Classroom Furniture	5 rooms

⇒ Micheal asked Superintendent Jensen if he could give the members details on which of the listed items he presented would exceed \$100,000 to complete.

By grouping line items together {referring to the list above}, the following would meet or exceed the \$100,000 threshold requested. Some of these items exceed this threshold without being grouped.*

High School and Morristown classroom doors, carpet, and ceilings.

Auditorium carpet, seats, paint, and other.

Football Field Lights*

Football Field Bleachers & Fencing*

Waterville & Morristown Media Center ceiling/carpet/furniture.

High School & Morristown classroom furniture

*All other items listed would require further cost research. *= exceeds 100,000 individually*

⇒ Superintendent Jensen advised that someone would be coming to look at cost estimates for the auditorium. He also brought members up to speed on the exterior of the High School Ag-Brick wall (north), which requires tuckpointing and the possibility of other work. Michael also drew members' attention to the Waterville Boiler Room-Glass Block item on the list.

⇒ Rezac inquired about the Elysian building. Jewison advised that the asbestos abatement is already on a to-do list. Funds would be levied from the safety and security pool of dollars. The work would be done during the winter when the school is not in session. Ceiling replacement following reduction is not included in the cost. No other items were reviewed regarding the building in Elysian.

⇒ Michael advised the members that a rough estimate of \$75,000 would be the final cost of the Football Field Concession/Bathroom stand. This exceeds the funds donated to the FFA by approximately \$35,000. Jewison and Boran were asked to elaborate further and give their input on the project's progression.

⇒ Boran reviewed specifics regarding Football Field lighting, bleachers, and crowning the field/dirt work/seeding. He revealed that the light posts on the football field were placed in the 50s and the lights were placed in the 80s.

⇒ Stangler expressed a need of garage for storage of utility tractor, lawn tractors, and other various grounds implements. The seemed to be no clear consensus on where a garage of this sort could be built. These items are currently stored in the bus garage alongside buses.

⇒ There was a brief discussion about the locker rooms at both buildings and their condition.

⇒ Bowman asked for more details on the window shades for all the windows in Morristown. Superintendent Jensen advised that there would be a higher quality shade than currently in place and would mirror what is in the Waterville building. The total for this work would be approximately \$20,000.

To establish a jumping-off point, Superintendent Jensen was tasked with getting bids/costs for work on the auditorium and repair of west/north facade. Members felt once they had those numbers, they could better prioritize the other items listed.

Utility Tractor Discussion: Stangler brought to the members' attention that there are some concerns with the new utility tractor.

1. It is an 18-horsepower tractor. Its size and power prohibit it from being a practical piece of equipment for the district.
2. It did not come with any attachments, such as a power broom, forks, or mower. The only attachment it has is a small bucket.

Members agreed that it might be beneficial to contact Kibble Equipment and review other options available to us with the tractor. Rezac will look into a possible contact person at Kibble.

Action item:

Motion by Stangler/second by Bowman to approve the Junior High School and High School Student Handbooks. Rezac reviewed updates to the dress code, removal of charging students for parking lot passes and highlighted attendance policy information. Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion by Bakken, second by Rezac, to adjourn the meeting at 8:04pm

Attest: June A. Rezac