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Purpose

The purpose of this report is to initiate a discussion regarding the district's current philosophy and strategy for streaming Board of Education meetings. As the district continues to evolve its communication practices, it is necessary to reevaluate whether the current streaming model effectively serves the community or if a shift in strategy is required to ensure fiscal and operational responsibility.

Background and Information

The practice of streaming board meetings was initially implemented during a time when remote access was a critical necessity for public participation. Since that period, the district has significantly expanded its communication toolkit to ensure transparency and stakeholder engagement through other professional channels.

We currently provide comprehensive board reports for public review and distribute detailed board summaries directly to stakeholders following each meeting to ensure the community remains well-informed of district decisions.

Strategic Options for Consideration

The administration has identified two primary paths forward regarding the broadcasting of board proceedings.

- The first option is to continue our current streaming practice which would require a significant investment in equipment and personnel.
 - Our current audio-visual hardware requires substantial enhancement to meet modern broadcasting standards.
 - Providing the community with a high-quality, professional streaming experience would require a significant allocation of district resources and additional setup time.
 - The administration does not recommend continuing the current practice due to these escalating resource requirements.
- The second option is to discontinue the live streaming of board meetings and rely on our established written communication frameworks.
 - This recommendation is based on the belief that our current structure of public board reports and stakeholder summaries provides a high level of transparency.
 - These written methods allow for the clear and accurate dissemination of the information used to reach district decisions.
 - By focusing on these proven communication channels, the district can remain transparent while protecting resources for direct classroom impact.

Administrative Recommendation

This report is provided for discussion and to seek Board direction on our future philosophy. While transparency remains a core value of Streator District #44, we believe it is timely to decide whether to enhance our streaming capabilities through a significant capital investment or to transition toward a communication model centered on our robust written reporting and summaries.

No formal action is requested, but the administration seeks a consensus on which strategy best aligns with the district's long-term vision.