

CRETE-MONEE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Committee of the Whole Meeting – March 10, 2026

Discussion on the possibility to award and approve the bid results to replace the flooring of some classrooms with carpet, classrooms with tile, and a section of the corridor with tile. Details are listed in the Supporting Data section of this report. Based on the scope of the bid and receiving bids from four companies, a detailed breakdown is provided along with the bid results.

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The Issue:

Note: This information pertains to classrooms and hallways in use prior to the 2015 addition. The bid includes two types of tile; Texas Granite and Tarkett Tile. Texas Granite is the tile installed recently in the corridor at CMMS and the elementary schools. Tarkett Tile will be installed in the 7 new classrooms in the addition.

Classrooms with carpet buckle each summer due to moisture in the building. This issue causes delays in summer cleaning and can possibly represent a tripping hazard in the early parts of the school year. Building & Grounds staff has been able to temporarily resolve the issue each year.

In the same area of the school, there are some classrooms, primarily used for science, which have tiles. The logic behind replacing this tile is to have a uniform tile in each classroom of the building.

One section of the corridor flooring was not replaced in the summer of 2024. This section has tile, however it is not Texas Granite, which was used to replace the carpet in the corridor in the summer of 2024. This would bring uniformity to the tile in the corridors.

Justification:

Each summer, classrooms containing carpet experience buckling as a result of increased moisture levels within the building. This recurring issue creates challenges for the Buildings & Grounds Department during summer cleaning, as the flooring must be temporarily corrected before the classroom can be properly arranged for the start of the school year. Although staff have been able to address the problem on a short-term basis each year, the condition reappears annually and can create a potential tripping hazard for students and staff at the beginning of the school year. Replacing the carpet with tile would provide a more durable and moisture-resistant flooring surface, reducing ongoing maintenance needs and improving safety.

In addition, several classrooms within the same area, primarily science classrooms, already contain tile flooring. Transitioning the remaining carpeted classrooms to tile would create a consistent flooring surface throughout the instructional spaces in this section of the building. This uniformity improves maintenance efficiency, as custodial procedures and equipment can be standardized across classrooms.

Finally, one section of corridor flooring was not replaced during the summer of 2024. While this section currently contains tile, it does not match the Texas Granite tile that was installed in the remainder of the corridor during the 2024 project. Replacing this section would complete

the corridor flooring project and provide visual and material consistency throughout the hallways.

Board Policy and Past Practices

It is the board policy to purchase /contract in accordance with the state bid law.

Strategic Plan:

Goal 5: Provide our students with equitable, safe, and well maintained facilities.

Goal 6: Prioritize our financial resources to meet our short and long term goals.

Community Impact:

This project will help to maintain safe and inviting facilities for staff, students and our constituents.

Supporting Data:

This Bid was advertised in the Sun-Times newspaper and placed on the District Website. Bid(s) were received from four vendors: Commercial Carpet, Carpet Weavers, Douglas Floor Covering, & TSI.

Lowest Bid per scope is below:

Scope of Work	Company	Bid Amount
Classroom carpet replacement, Science Classroom Tile Replacement, Corridor Tile Replacement- All Areas using <i>Texas Granite</i>	TSI	\$514,165
Classroom Carpet Replacement, Science Classroom Tile Replacement both using <i>Tarkett Tile</i> and Corridor tile replacement using <i>Texas Granite</i>	Douglas Floor Covering	\$364,800
Classroom Carpet Replacement using <i>Texas Granite</i> and Corridor Tile Replacement using <i>Texas Granite</i>	Carpet Weavers	\$400,850
Classroom Carpet Replacement using <i>Tarkett Tile</i> and Corridor Tile Replacement using <i>Texas Granite</i>	Commercial Carpet	\$304,199

See Attached Tally Sheet

See CMMS Classroom Renovation & Addition itemized breakdown.

Financial Impact:

Funds will come from the Short Term Facility Plan 2024-2026.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board approve the scope entailing classroom carpet replacement, science classroom tile replacement both using ***Tarkett Tile*** and corridor tile replacement using ***Texas Granite*** to Douglas Floor Covering in the amount of \$364,800.

The project at CMMS has a contingency amount of \$380,584 in the Short Term Facility Plan 2024-2026. In addition to the contingency amount there are allowances totaling \$270,839 in the base price of the additional classroom project. Those allowances are for temperature control in winter (\$25,000), voice/datacabling (\$35,000), audio/visual (\$35,000), and design allowance (\$175,839). At this stage of the project, I am confident that we will not use a majority of the allowances.