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### School Board Meeting Agenda Item

Topic: Twin Bluff Playground  
Contact(s):  
Presenter(s): Alan Gaylor, Director of Buildings and Grounds

#### Nature of Action Requested

Board Action   
Board Information or Report

#### Background Information

For years, the district has discussed the possibility of a playground at Twin Bluff School. Alan Gaylor, the Director of Buildings and Grounds, will present information about a proposed playground.

- The goal is to construct a playground this this summer if equipment is received in a timely fashion and installers can be scheduled accordingly.
- If the recommendation is approved on April 19<sup>th</sup>, equipment will be ordered before May 1<sup>st</sup> and installers scheduled.
- The playground will be located between the primary school entrance and Twin Bluff Road as shown on the attached map.
- The City of Red Wing is willing to provide in-kind contributions for engineering, earthwork, drain tile, and labor for cement.
- To allow for future expansion, wood chips or rubberized wood chips will be used as the playground surface.
- The school district will allocate \$70,000 (\$60,000 out of operating capital and \$10,000 out of the Buildings and Grounds Department budget). In addition, students have raised over \$25,000. These amounts will pay for Phase I of the playground. As additional funds are received, additional equipment will be ordered and installed when possible.
- Examples of phased playground options are included in the attachment. If approved, Alan Gaylor will work with Chris Palmatier and others to finalize what equipment should be ordered for the first phase and what equipment would be ordered in future phases.

- The board has not yet decided on grade configurations for the 2022-23 school year, so there is equipment suitable for younger children and middle school children.
- The playground would be a valuable resource for the school and neighborhood.

The Operations Committee has reviewed the concept of a playground on multiple occasions over a period of several years. The committee recently asked the administrative team to identify the level of support needed from the community and a timeline for fundraising and installation. This recommendation is being made because it gives the greatest chance to install playground equipment this summer with the opportunity to expand in the future as funds become available.

#### Recommendation

I move for the school district to allocate \$70,000 toward the construction of a traditional playground at Twin Bluff School.