RIVER ROAD INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION AMARILLO, TEXAS

Subject:

Committee Report

Date:

Monday, May 5, 2014

Presented By: Mike Hodgson

Business Manager

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ACTION

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The committee appointed to examine various needs of the school district has met three times and wishes to recommend the attached listing of seventeen (17) needs and projects. It is recommended that these projects be paid for from money currently located in the district's Fund Balance.

The committee was comprised of board members Amanda Brown, Glenn Perky, and Kelly Venable; community members Bobby Clark, David Ingle, and Copen Smith; and the district's administrative liaison to the committee, Mike Hodgson.

The school district currently has a Fund Balance of \$3,682,625. The seventeen approved projects have a projected cost of \$580,450, which would leave a fund balance of \$3,102,175. There are other projects (including but not limited to playground equipment at Rolling Hills and a press box/boxes at the baseball/softball complex) that the committee is still exploring and considering, and may in the future recommend to the Board after more information about their scope and cost is received. The committee also anticipates that it will continue to examine needs in the district and hopes to recommend additional projects for approval as the amount in the Fund Balance permits. There is a need to have a Fund Balance in order to deal with unforeseen emergencies, and to allow the district to have sufficient cash in the bank during those months when the state does not pay the school district and during the months before property taxes are received.

If this recommendation is approved, several of the projects are sufficient in size to require that the state's purchasing procedures for competitive pricing be followed. This would be accomplished through the issuance of Requests for Proposals.

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

It is requested that the Board take the following three actions:

- To approve the attached list of projects as determined by the committee.
- To authorize that these projects be funded through the use of money currently located in the district's fund balance.
- To authorize the issuance of RFP's for work related to enclosing the walkways to Rolling Hills' and Willow Vista's gyms, for work related to remodeling the restrooms at these same schools, for work related to the various road and driveway projects, and for the purchase of an activity bus.

COMMITTEE SPENDING RECOMMENDATIONS TO FULL BOARD FOR MAY 5, 2014 MEETING

| Approved items: | | |
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| Rolling Hills - Enclose walkway to Gym | \$23,000 | (Safety Issue) |
| Rolling Hills - Remodel Restrooms | \$25,100 | |
| Rolling Hills - Sound systems (Cafeteria & Gym) | \$5,000 | |
| Rolling Hills - Technology (Smartboards/Computers) | \$50,000 | |
| Rolling Hills - Tile for Classrooms | \$46,000 | |
| Willow Vista - Enclose walkway to Gym | \$29,000 | (Safety Issue) |
| Willow Vista - Remodel Restrooms | \$25,100 | |
| Willow Vista - Repair Driveway Behind Bldg. | \$11,500 | |
| Middle School - Auditorium Stage Curtains | \$10,000 | |
| Middle School - Auditorium Upgrade (Sound, Light, Seating) | \$17,500 | |
| High School - Complete Ag Facility | \$32,500 | |
| High School - Marching Band Uniforms | \$30,000 | |
| High School - Pedestrian Bridge Athletic Entrance | \$1,500 | (Assumes \$17,500 of donations will be received) |
| High School - Repair Baseball scoreboard | \$2,250 | (Change to Wireless Controller) |
| High School - Road to Ag Barn | \$18,500 | (Includes Turn around) |
| High School - Road from HS to Baseball plus added parking | \$93,500 | (Includes lights on both roads, sealing Concession) |
| Transportation - Activity Bus | \$160,000 | |
| TOTAL OF APPROVED ITEMS: | \$580,450 | |
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| Items Under Consideration: | | |
| Rolling Hills - Playground | ? | |
| Baseball - One set large Stands, Move existing large stands, | ? | |
| Baseball - Pressbox | | Pressbox/Concession/Restroom to ADA |
| Subtotal: | ? | |
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