Secondary Programs & District Services

From: Daniel R. Willenborg, Director of Secondary Programs & District Services

To: Andrea Oquist, Superintendent

Date: October 10, 2018

Subject: Flexible Furniture Plans for Frost and Holmes Middle Schools

I am requesting that the Flexible Furniture Plans for FMS and HMS be placed on the agenda for the Committee of the Whole BOE meeting of October 15, 2018. This is a follow up item from our Study Session of October 8. As a refresher, Flexible Furniture expenditures are part of the Phase III plan of the 2013 Bond to equip secondary schools with creative and flexible learning spaces for students. Each middle school was charged to work with their staffs to develop unique and contemporary spaces within a budget of \$40,000.

The Frost plan initially dates to last school year when approximately half of their budgetary allotment provided tables and various seating arrangements in their Community Room. The current request is to provide classroom items to include sit/stand desks and ball chairs, as well as new couch seating in their Counseling Center. In addition, the Frost plan will recreate their vestibule area into a student gathering area with a variety of tables and seating arrangements. The Frost staff has worked with Yeo & Yeo Computer Consulting and Interior Environments for their design and furniture needs. The combined invoices total \$22,380.10.

The Holmes plan similarly reimagines several school areas with contemporary furniture and color. Their plan provides for stand-up desks for student use in classrooms. They are also looking to revamp the open spaces on each side of the Main Office area with a variety of couch type bench seating, and round and square tables. One area greatly enhances the school's main gathering area and the other will allow for alternative lunchtime seating. In addition, the Holmes plan will create a collaborative learning area in the LMC with triangular tables and a variety of seating options. The Holmes staff has consulted with CDW for their design and furniture items and the invoice for their total plan is \$39,959.71.

Attachments