



Board of Education Recap

September 5, 2018



Dear Vikings,

With a very favorable update on our current referendum project (coming in on time (so far) and significantly under budget), the Board of Education spent much of last night's meeting discussing potential supplemental projects. Please read on for more details...

Referendum Project Update: Thanks to the assistance of **Mr. Ted McMillan**, Kraemer Brothers' Project Manager, I reviewed with the Board detailed cost estimates for several supplemental projects. The following additional projects would not be possible without the Board of Education's excellent stewardship of our community's generous giving:

- Freshen up many classroom entrances and hallways;
- Terrazzo flooring in the [atrium/hallway](#) and carpeting throughout the [auditorium](#)/music classrooms at the High School;
- Replace the galvanized domestic water piping in the High School's tunnels;
- Replace the High School's gymnasium bleachers;
- Replace carpeting in the Middle School;
- Authorize District leaders to digitize floorplans and "as-built" documentation for emergency management purposes.

While other projects may be considered for completion using these savings, the Board accepted these recommendations so that work could occur during the summer of 2019.

2018-19 School Goals: We were fortunate to have on hand each of our princi"pals" to review with the Board their building goals. Each of the goals is tied to the Board's new Strategic Plan, "[Vision 2023](#)", and were developed in concert with their building staff. [Here is a link](#) to their PowerPoint presentation.

Auditorium Video Work Approved: The Board of Education approved Integral Building Systems to complete the final leg of our auditorium work, the video system (previously, updates to the sound and lighting were made). IBS's bid was not only the least expensive, our owner's representative, **Mr. Mike Huffman**, indicates their bid positions the District better for the inevitable changes inherent in technology.

School Safety Intervention Teams and Mental Health Training Grant

Application: Lastly, the Board approved the District's grant application for safety of dollars administered by the Department of Justice. Our District is eligible to receive almost \$140,000. A copy of the grant application may be found on BoardDocs.

In closing, each of our Board of Education meetings are important; however, we reached several breakthrough milestones at last night's meeting. It is an honor to serve in such a progressive school community that is focused on doing "good and right by our children."

I am proud to be a Viking and I hope you are too!

Steve

Memorandum of Agreement with Oregon Mental Health Services, LLC: The Board unanimously supported the administration's recommendation to partner with Oregon Mental Health Services (OMHS), LLC to provide counseling to students on campus. You may recall, we have spent several months seeking partnerships of this nature with area therapists. We are pleased this opportunity will soon be available to our families and students. Oregon Mental Health Services, LLC continues to work on insurance credentialing for services performed in the Mount Horeb region. OMHS's work is highly regarded within the Oregon community, and I look forward to having this relationship flourish, on behalf of our children.