

South Avenue Capital Project Committee Meeting - 4/14/2021 - 3:15 pm

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Draft Minutes:

We would like to start discussing the capital project process and receive some input from this committee. We will meet again in about 3 weeks and then early June. We will take the information that we obtain from this meeting to the facilities committee of the Board. They are the final decision makers about what is included in the project. We are planning to go out for a vote in October 2021. We will continue meeting with this group in the fall. Next facilities committee meeting is April 26th.

Project will be a \$22 million project. Tetra Tech did a building condition survey and made a list from a facilities perspective. The project will be a tax neutral project. We will not raise taxes for this project. We are planning to use some of the ARP money to upgrade ventilation. We will also use proceeds from the sale of Dutchess Stadium property towards this project as well.

Allocating \$17 - \$18 million for infrastructure needs. Approximately \$4 million for educational spaces. For the district to do Air Conditioning in all the buildings would be an additional \$15 million district wide. If the board decides to do air conditioning, we would probably have to add an additional proposition to the capital project vote and there would be a tax increase.

Some of the items mentioned by the committee today may be done in other ways including general fund and ARP.

Priority 1 items:

1. Exit window in the faculty room
2. Bus drop off - paving work
3. Kitchen - plumbing work
4. Emergency lighting
5. Interior hallway lighting upgrades - energy efficiency
6. Offices and areas near the stage near ventilation upgrades

Committee suggestions:

1. Closet doors are missing in some of the classrooms. Can't use curtains.
2. Some kind of cooling system especially in the gym. When it's hot, teachers try to use the A/C spaces when it's really hot.
3. Dishwashing capabilities in the kitchen so the school can use reusable trays and cutlery.
4. More bottle filling water fountains 2 on the upper floor.

5. Tiles in the hallway have them blasted clean, add murals, paint over them. Way to brighten up the hallways and involve the students.
6. Upgrades in the playground area. There is a limited space outside. There is an unusable area that parents would like to utilize.
7. Help parents navigate technology and address some of the issues related to that.
8. 20 cans of paint was donated from Bretts Hardware. Just need to schedule time for the muralist.
9. Have a turf area in the back where the grass would not grow and it would be a play area.
10. PE space - have the gym repainted and make it friendly with school colors or paw prints on the walls.
11. Cafeteria - lights are old and get them upgraded. LED lights to be used
12. Computer room global room - see what that room could be. Right now it's a hallway to the speech rooms. That room currently has air conditioning. Sensory room? Flexible seating? Can do trainings in that room?

We will share these ideas with the Board committee members. We will post minutes on the website. In May's meeting, we will discuss the status of some of the ideas that were mentioned. By June we will have a solid list of what will be included in the project that will go to the voters.