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MEMORANDUM

To: Dr. Clark Ealy, Superintendent

From: Jon Hall, Executive Director of Facilities 

Date: December 7, 2016

Subject: Consider approval of modification to Oakwood Intermediate School plans for renovations and classroom space.

Agenda Item: L-1

Board Priority/
District Goal: Priority 3, Goal 4

BACKGROUND

In November 2015, College Station ISD voters passed a bond issue for \$135.9 million for new construction and renovation to district facilities. One of the major projects identified from this bond package was for Renovations to Current 5th-8th Grade Campuses. This agenda item is for a proposed modification to the original 2015 Bond planning for the Oakwood Intermediate School campus.

As advertised to the public when the 2015 Bond Package was out for public consideration, the proposed work related to Oakwood read as follows:

Oakwood Entrance: *This project would improve the entrance area facing Holik Street by relocating the choir room and opening up the front area to use as a welcoming and multi-purpose commons area similar to other newer schools in the district. This area would facilitate the ease of entrance to the campus for students, parents, and visitors.*

As design commenced last year for the first phase of this work, it became apparent that the original concept of **relocating** the choir room was going to create some problems. Spatially, this simply didn't work well with the existing security vestibule and the operation of it with the main office.

The temporary solution was to relocate another room, specifically the corner classroom just west of the main office, and create a much better space for the entry foyer concept. In addition to this, the existing choir room was completely renovated in it's current location. The back two locker rooms of the building were converted into two classrooms as part of this solution. In short, the choir room was renovated in place instead of being relocated, and another room was relocated instead as a temporary solution.

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Now that design has picked up for the next phase of work, a final decision is now needed on the permanent location of the choir room. The preference of Oakwood Principal Josh Symank, VLK Architect Ken Hutchens, Executive Director of Facilities Jon Hall, and others who have reviewed this is to leave the choir room where it is now located and keep the two classrooms in the back of the building as they currently exist.

This would have the added benefit of freeing up the funding that had been planned for that to utilize on paint and flooring elsewhere in Oakwood Intermediate School to freshen up a larger area of the school.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees of College Station Independent School District approve the modification of the original Oakwood Intermediate School renovation concept by allowing the choir room to remain where it is currently located, keeping the two classrooms in the back of the building as they currently exist, and utilize the funding planned for that to paint and replace flooring elsewhere in the building.