Smart Schools Bond Act Initiative Plan

School Board Presentation December 7, 2023

Smart Schools Bond Act Initiative

- Passed by New York Voters in November of 2014
- Awarded \$2 Billion to all public schools based on enrollment and state aid formula

Bainbridge-Guilford Central Schools Allocation is \$1,033,031

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Smart School Bond Act Allocation for B-G: \$1,033,031

- Previous projects included classroom devices, network upgrades, emergency communication systems (VOIP Telephone System), and door security.
- Projects were completed and district received reimbursements totaling \$659,813.54. Funds remaining: \$373,217.46

Rules for the use of these funds

6 categories

- School Networking
- Classroom Technology
- Community Connection
- Pre-K Classroom Improvements
- Elimination of Temporary/Trailer
 Classrooms
- School Security and Safety

Rules for the use of these funds

- You cannot pay salaries
- You cannot pay BOCES
- You cannot purchase software

Prior to Step 1

- Work on several projects was completed under budget.
- Bainbridge Guilford will submit documents to release the balance of those funds for the final application.

Step 1

- Administration consults with the district's architect to establish possible priorities in the approved categories.
- Consideration given to:
 - Bainbridge Guilford Strategic Plan
 - Bainbridge Guilford Technology Plan
 - Bainbridge Guilford Building Condition Survey

Step 2

Establish a Smart Bond Planning Committee.

Membership must include:

- Student(s)
- Staff
- Administrators
- Board of Education member
- Parent(s)
- Community

Committee Responsibility

Committee reviews the preliminary proposal from district administration and makes a recommendation to the Board of Education to approve the preliminary plan.

Phase 3: District Proposal

- Upgrade the Emergency Classroom Notification system at the Greenlawn Elementary School.
- Install Panic Lockdown Buttons with interior and exterior emergency strobe lights at all three buildings.

Step 3

The Smart Schools Bond Act Planning committee met on December 4, 2023 and...

The Smart Schools Planning Committee recommends that the Board of Education approve the preliminary Smart Schools Phase 3 District Proposal as presented.

Final Steps

- 1. With the recommendation of the committee, the Board of Education will vote to approve the preliminary Smart Schools Investment Plan.
- 2. If approved, the preliminary Smart Schools Investment Plan will be published on the school district website for a period of at least 30 days with an email address for public comments.
- 3. The comments to the Smart Schools Investment Plan will be reviewed by the Board of Education in a public hearing to be held on January 18, 2024.
- 4. The Board of Education will then vote to approve the Smart Schools Investment Plan as the final plan for submission to NYSED.
- 5. The final plan will be reviewed by the NYS Smart Schools Review Board. The Review Board only meets a few times per year. Final approval could take many months.

Questions?

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