

## **Consider Approval of Budget Increase for Parking Lot Lighting Improvements at Socastee High School**

**Policy Reference:** OE-13: The superintendent shall assure that physical facilities support the accomplishment of the board's **Results** policies, are safe and properly maintained.

**Background Information:** The Facilities Committee previously approved a budget of \$120,000 for improvements to the parking lot lights at Socastee High School. The current parking lot lights do not adequately illuminate all areas of the parking lot and as a result there are a several areas that are dark. For several years, Facilities has assisted the school with renting portable lights for evening activities. After numerous discussions with the District's lighting contractor, it has become apparent that just replacing the light fixtures at the site would not provide enough improvement due to the existing height of the poles. To address this issue adequately, it is recommended to replace the poles with taller poles and the new LED fixtures. The quote from our contractor is \$180,000 to perform this work. To fund the project Facilities would like to repurpose some funds from the site drainage repairs at Socastee High school. Previously the Facilities Committee allocated \$300,000 to pipe and enclose the major drainage ditch at Socastee High. This ditch is along the property line adjacent to the student parking lot and football stadium. After numerous meetings and discussions with Horry County Stormwater, it was clear that the expense of that effort would greatly exceed the original funding, and an alternative was devised which will be well within budget.

**Purpose:** To increase the budget of the Socastee High School lighting improvements from \$120,000 to \$180,000 by transferring \$60,000 from the Socastee High School ditch piping project.

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**Recommended Action:** Approve the budget increase of the Socastee High School lighting improvements from \$120,000 to \$180,000 by transferring \$60,000 from the Socastee High School ditch piping project.

**Estimated Cost:** \$180,000

Recurring \_\_\_ Non-recurring X

Funding Sources:

\$120,000 Previously Allocated Building Modification Funds

\$60,000 Budget Transfer from Ditch Piping Project