

## Consideration of Funding for Socastee High School Track

**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:** Socastee High School currently has a recently resurfaced track that has been determined to be unsatisfactory on several counts, and our Facilities staff has recommended that additional funds be allocated to bring the track up to acceptable standards. The following is a brief summary and chronology written to provide background information and a better understanding of the issues related to the track:

- Socastee High School's asphalt track around the football field was in need of repair, and a contract was issued for resurfacing in July 2014 for \$149,520.00. As a cost-savings, the project was bid only as a resurfacing of the existing track.
- During the repaving work, the subgrade was found to be in very poor condition, and new base material needed to be installed. Remediating the subgrade added \$202,487.08 to the cost of the project, and extending the construction schedule. The schedule was then accelerated to finish the paving before the start of football season in September 2014.
- In the fall of 2014, other problems were discovered when the track striping began when adequate lane widths for events could not be accommodated on the track's configuration. Additionally, issues in the quality of workmanship were discovered. A small retainage is still being held by the district, but the contractor has been paid \$334,861.83, or 95.1% of the project award.
- Problems with track's construction continue to exist, and Socastee High School's track team could not use the track during last spring's track season.
- Design engineers have reviewed the project to determine the cost of bringing the track up to metric standards to allow for use next spring. Based on estimates, this will require an additional \$244,240.00, bringing the total cost of the project from start to completion to \$596,247.08. Our Facilities staff estimates that the project would likely have cost very close to this figure if the project had been bid initially as a complete reconstruction with new subgrade as opposed to a simple resurfacing.
- In summary, the attempt at cost-savings by resurfacing the track was unsuccessful. However, we can only move forward from this point to provide Socastee High School with the quality of track that should have been provided in the beginning. The amount of the total project should not differ significantly with the rework, so the length of time the school has been waiting on the track should be the only negative that cannot be addressed.

**Purpose:** To provide Socastee High School with an athletic running track, matching the size and configuration of the tracks at all other high schools in the district.

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**Recommended Action:**

Proceed with additional enhancements to the athletic running track.

**Estimated Project Cost:** \$244,240.00.

Recurring  Non-recurring

Funding Sources: Residual fund from the Phase III Building Program