Smart Schools Bond Act Project Proposal - Phase 1
Fabius-Pompey CSD

SPRING 2024

Overview of SSBA

In 2014, the Smart Schools Bond Act (SSBA) authorized the issuance of $2 billion in general obligation bonds to enhance educational technology and infrastructure, thereby improving learning opportunities for students throughout the state.

The SSBA funds do not need to be utilized all at once. Phase 1 of our expenditure will focus on meeting immediate technology requirement with instructional devices. Future spending will be planned according to the needs identified at that time.

Funds Allocated

In 2014, Fabius-Pompey was awarded $750,954 of SSBA Funds.

This funding can be used to:

1. Install high-speed broadband or wireless internet connectivity.
2. Acquire learning technology equipment or facilities, including but not limited to interactive whiteboards, computer servers, and desktop, laptop, and tablet computers.
3. Construct, enhance, and modernize educational facilities to accommodate prekindergarten programs and to provide instructional space to replace classroom trailers.
4. Install high-tech security features in school buildings and on school campuses.

The funds CANNOT be used to:

- pay salaries

- pay for for leasing, rentals, or BOCES purchases

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Item	Unit Cost	Quantity	Total Cost	Padded (5%) Total Cost
Staff Laptops	$771.02	90	$69,391.80	$72,862
Docking Stations (For Laptops)	$105.00	80	$8,400.00	$8,820
Carrying Cases (For Laptops)	$17.99	80	$1,439.20	$1,512
Promethean ActivPanel 9	$4,237.37	9	$38,136.33	$40,044
Promethean Board Stand	$444.88	7	$3,114.16	$3,270
Promethean Board Shelf	$78.79	7	$551.53	$580
Promethean Wall Mount	$75.99	2	$151.98	$160
Consultant Fee	$1,700.00	1	$1,700.00	$1,700
			TOTAL:	$128,948

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Total Phase 1 Spending	Funds Remaining
$128,948	$622,006

What happens to the rest of the money?

SSBA funds are "Evergreen."

They remain available for a future plan.

Why Laptops for Staff?

1. **Current Device Maintenance**
   - Current staff computers, including desktops and laptops, are frequently breaking down and require increasing maintenance.
2. **Compatibility Issues**
   - The existing computers will not support the upgrade to Windows 11, which will become a requirement in 2025.
3. **Enhanced Flexibility**
   - Laptops offer staff greater flexibility and mobility, both inside and outside the classroom.

Why Promethean Boards?

1. **Interactive Learning**
   - Promethean boards enhance interactive learning experiences, allowing for dynamic presentations and collaborative engagement in the classroom.
2. **Teacher Preference**
   - The teachers receiving these Promethean boards have specifically requested them and have concrete plans for their use in the classrooms.

Why Not Chromebooks for Students?

1. **Sufficient Supply**
   - We have already purchased four grade-levels of Chromebooks for the upcoming school year, ensuring we meet the current demand.
2. **Future Considerations**
   - We may decide to purchase additional Chromebooks in a future SSBA project, depending on evolving educational needs.

Why Not Technology Infrastructure?

1. **Adequate Network Performance**
   - Our current assessment indicates that our networking infrastructure is more than meeting our needs, ensuring efficient connectivity across the district.
2. **Security Camera Updates**
   - We are addressing updates to security cameras using other funding sources, ensuring that our security measures remain robust and up-to-date without utilizing SSBA funds.
3. **Future Considerations**
   - We may address technology infrastructure in a future SSBA project, depending on future needs and technological advancements.

SSBA Timeline

- **Jan - Apr 2024:**   Needs assessment by STEAM/Technology Coordinator, Technology Committee, & Architect

- **May 6th, 2024:**   Phase 1 preliminary plan endorsed by the Planning Committee

- **May 7th, 2024:**   Phase 1 preliminary plan approved by BOE

- **May 8th, 2024:**   Phase 1 plan posted on district website

- **June 18th, 2024:**   BOE hearing for community response / BOE Approval

- **June 24th, 2024:**   District submits SSBA Phase 1 plan to NYSED.

  - Wait for approval of expenditures (typically 3-8 months)

Questions or Feedback from Stakeholders can be directed to:

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