A Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) grant application to include a new track and lighting for the HHS football field/track will include a $25,000 allocation as the district's cash contribution.

Approval of that cash amount was given by the Re-1J board at its Aug. 21 meeting.

Final draft of the grant application was to be submitted this week, and notification of grant funding is expected in December.

Supt. Bret Miles and board member Kim Killin reported on a meeting they attended in Denver, where they received feedback on the early submissal of the grant application.

Input indicated that from the group that looks to gain the most from the track/field lights project, there's the smallest contribution. The school district's allocation in the previous application was $12,000.

Killin pointed out if the district puts up $25,000 and the $450,000 project is funded, she said that's a pretty good return on the money. If the project isn't funded, nothing is lost.

Certificate for completion of construction still pending punch list items

While the school board anticipated approving the Certificate of Completion for the 2012 roof project and BEST grant projects at last week's meeting, that was postponed until September due to a couple of punch list items still needing finalization.

Supt. Miles reported the warranty walk for the roof project was completed by Carlisle, the manufacturer, and passed with a score of 10 out of 10. The final punch list was compiled by the roof consultant and corrections are being completed.

In the boiler, electrical, fire alarm package, Miles said the electrical work and fire alarm passed inspections and are complete.

The boiler is 80 percent complete, with balancing and testing to continue through this month. The boiler room door will be temporary until the new door frame arrives.

The Internet is in use, said Miles, and the final punch list in that area includes a few minor adjustments to cameras and some software for the door control system.

Light fixtures are 99 percent complete, with replacement parts coming for the wrestling room and walking track in the new gym due to a problem in the factory when assembled.

Some exterior light fixtures are still on back-order, restrooms are getting caulking and molding and controls are being added for the gym.

Miles said the latest budget update shows the project on-budget with little time left for changes or issues.

Policy manual in place

After almost two years of policy review, the board of education approved second reading of the Holyoke School District Policy Manual.

In October of 2010, the board purchased a core policy manual from the Colorado Association of School Boards in order to conduct an internal examination of existing policies, regulations and other related information.

Since that time, policies and regulations were reviewed and revised by the superintendent and board to reflect the board's values and current district practice or of practices that will be implemented.

Legal counsel reviewed the policies to ensure they meet local needs and circumstances and are consistent with legal constraints and requirements.

Other business

In other business Aug. 21, the Re-1J board:

—approved nonresident student applications for Kyleigh Jaeger; Riley Klinzmann; Matthew, Morgan and Mackenzie Golden; and Andrew Rivera. Transportation requests were also approved for Klinzmann from Yuma County and the Goldens and Rivera from Haxtun School District.

—noted a reception for new staff will be held at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 4 in the board meeting room, just prior to the regular board meeting.

—reminded board members and the public that regular meetings will begin at 7 p.m. on the first and third Tuesdays during the school year.

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