

**Smart Schools Review Board**  
Board Meeting Agenda 6/29/2023

**I. Call to Order/Quorum Establishment**

**II. Opening Remarks**

**III. New Business**

- 1) Motion to approve the Minutes of the Board's March 7, 2023 meeting
- 2) Resolution No. 2023-04: Approving a certain special education Smart Schools Investment Plan
- 3) Resolution No. 2023-05: Approving certain Smart Schools Investment Plans

**IV. Adjournment of Meeting**

**Smart Schools Review Board  
Meeting Minutes  
March 7, 2023**

Conference Room 131  
New York State Capitol Building  
Albany, NY 12224

The Smart Schools Review Board convened at 1:30 PM on March 7, 2023, in the New York State Capitol Building in Albany, NY. The following members of the Board were present:

- Michael Smingler (designee of Budget Director Robert L. Megna)
- Angela Pagano (designee of SUNY Chancellor John B. King, Jr.)
- Christina Coughlin (designee of Education Commissioner Betty A. Rosa)

Each Board member provided brief opening remarks regarding the Smart Schools Investment Plans currently before the Board and the Plans reviewed to date.

Mr. Smingler said the first 18 meetings of the Smart Schools Review Board saw the approval of 1,226 Smart Schools Investment Plans for 610 school districts and 67 special education schools, budgeting \$1.74 billion for these projects. He noted the Board expected to act on 61 Smart Schools Investment Plans, totaling \$31 million, at the current meeting.

Dr. Pagano indicated SUNY's ongoing support for the plans submitted to the Review Board, highlighting the importance of the three types of plans to be approved at this meeting: plans to enhance school connectivity, including expanded network infrastructure; plans to increase school security, including construction of secure entryways, updated emergency notification systems, and new camera systems; and plans to update aging classroom technology, including one-to-one learning devices, such as laptops and tablets. She also highlighted the inclusion of interactive flat panel displays in many plans, which enable instant video conferences, multimedia-based interactive lessons, and additional supports for English language learners and students with disabilities. Dr. Pagano closed her remarks by thanking the teachers and educators throughout the State who are committed to students and their communities.

Dr. Coughlin recognized the continued support of the Smart Schools Bond Act program by the Board of Regents and the State Education Department. She emphasized that school safety remains a top priority for school district administrators and is addressed in these plans through numerous additions, replacements, and upgrades to emergency notification systems and video security systems. She also recognized school districts' efforts to improve classroom learning experiences with updated technologies including interactive white boards and one-to-one learning devices, such as laptops and tablets which enhance collaborative learning and support students with disabilities and English language learners. Additionally, Dr. Coughlin highlighted the approval of the final

"remote learning plan" submitted to the Review Board to address districts' immediate technological needs resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic. Lastly, Dr. Coughlin noted that despite many schools now meeting or exceeding Federal network speed requirements, upgrades to security systems and classroom technology have put additional strain on these networks, leading some districts to expand cabling and switches for more robust Wi-Fi networks.

The first item of business was for the Board to consider the minutes from the previous meeting on May 17, 2022. Dr. Coughlin motioned to approve the minutes and Dr. Pagano seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Mr. Smingler asked the Board to consider the following Resolutions:

**Resolution No. 2023-01: Approving Amendments to Investment Plan Guidelines**

Dr. Pagano motioned to adopt the Resolution. Dr. Coughlin seconded the motion, and the Resolution was unanimously adopted.

**Resolution No. 2023-02: Approving a Certain Special Education Smart Schools Investment Plan**

Dr. Coughlin motioned to adopt the Resolution. Dr. Pagano seconded the motion, and the Resolution was unanimously adopted.

**Resolution No. 2023-03: Approving Certain Smart Schools Investment Plans**

Dr. Pagano motioned to adopt the Resolution. Dr. Coughlin seconded the motion, and the Resolution was unanimously adopted.

Mr. Smingler said the State Education Department, on behalf of the Board, would notify the school districts whose plans were approved and would post the plans on its website. He noted that with the approval of plans in the current meeting, the Smart Schools Review Board has now approved a total of 1,287 plans, totaling \$1.77 billion in projects for 622 school districts and 68 special education schools.

Mr. Smingler then asked the Board for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Coughlin motioned to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Pagano seconded the motion. The motion to adjourn the meeting was unanimously approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:44 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Degen  
Secretary

Smart Schools Review Board

RESOLUTION No. 2023-04

APPROVING SMART SCHOOLS INVESTMENT PLANS FOR  
SPECIAL EDUCATION SCHOOLS

WHEREAS, Chapter 54 of the Laws of 2014 appropriated \$5 million for payment of the costs of capital projects undertaken by or on behalf of special act school districts, state-supported schools for the blind and deaf and approved private special education schools (collectively, “special education schools”), pursuant to investment plans approved by the Smart Schools Review Board (the “Board”), created pursuant to Chapter 56 of the Laws of 2014 (the “Smart Schools Bond Act of 2014”), for acquisition or installation of technology equipment; and

WHEREAS, the Board is authorized by Chapter 54 of the Laws of 2014 and section 3641(16) of the Education Law, created by the Smart Schools Bond Act of 2014, to approve smart schools investment plans ("plans") submitted by special education schools for compliance with all eligibility criteria and other requirements set forth in the guidelines for special education schools; and

WHEREAS, the Board's guidelines for special education schools require that, in each plan, special education schools allocate the intended expenditure of Smart Schools funds into the categories (A) Classroom Technology, (B) High-Tech Security Features, (C) School Connectivity, and/or (D) Replacement of Transportable Classrooms, and further allocate such funds by sub-category within each category; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Chapter 54 of the Laws of 2014 and section 3641(16) of the Education Law, the Board may approve or reject such plans, or may return such plans for modifications; and

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WHEREAS, the Board has reviewed the plans identified in Addendum 1, attached hereto, for their compliance with all eligibility criteria and other requirements set forth in the guidelines for special education schools; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that the plans identified in Addendum 1, attached hereto, are compliant with all eligibility criteria and other guidance set forth in the guidelines for special education schools;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board, in accordance with Chapter 54 of the Laws of 2014, finds that the plans identified in Addendum 1, attached hereto, are compliant with all eligibility criteria and other requirements set forth in the guidelines for special education schools, and hereby approves such plans accordingly; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board, for all plans approved herein, hereby authorizes the State Education Department to approve reallocations of funds between categories and/or sub-categories in a special education school's Board approved plan without the approval of an amendment or supplement by the Board so long as: (A) such reallocation does not result in the addition, deletion, or substitution of any project to be undertaken in accordance with a special education school's Board approved plan, (B) such reallocation is necessitated by (i) higher-than-expected construction bid costs, (ii) an increase in the cost of devices due to the introduction of a new technical standard, and/or (iii) an unforeseen event that threatens health or safety and requires immediate corrective action, and (C) (i) the amount reallocated is less than 25% of the Board approved plan total budget, and (ii) the Board approved plan total budget remains unchanged.

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This resolution shall take effect immediately and remain in effect until modified, replaced or repealed by resolution of the Board.

No. 2023-04

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

**Addendum 1**  
**Smart Schools Bond Act - Smart Schools Investment Plans**  
**Review Board Meeting 20 - June 29, 2023**

Entity Name	Total Budgeted
JOHN A COLEMAN SCHOOL	\$23,514
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$23,514</b>
<b>Plan Count</b>	<b>1</b>

Expenditure Category			
School Connectivity	Classroom Technology	Replace TCUs	High-Tech Security
\$23,514	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>\$23,514</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

Smart Schools Review Board

RESOLUTION No. 2023-05

APPROVING SMART SCHOOLS INVESTMENT PLANS

WHEREAS, the Smart Schools Review Board ("the Board"), created pursuant to Chapter 56 of the Laws of 2014, is required by section 3641(16) of the Education Law to review all smart schools investment plans ("plans") submitted by school districts for compliance with all eligibility criteria and other requirements set forth in the guidelines; and

WHEREAS, the Board's guidelines require that, in each plan, school districts allocate the intended expenditure of Smart Schools Bond Act funds into the categories (A) School Connectivity, (B) Connectivity Projects for Communities, (C) Classroom Technology, (D) Pre-Kindergarten Classrooms, (E) Replacement of Transportable Classrooms, and/or (F) High-Tech Security Features, and further allocate such funds by sub-category within each category; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with section 3641(16) of the Education Law, the Board may approve or reject such plans, or may return such plans to the school district for modifications; and;

WHEREAS, the Board has reviewed the plans identified in Addendum 1, attached hereto, for their compliance with all eligibility criteria and other requirements set forth in the guidelines; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that the plans identified in Addendum 1, attached hereto, are compliant with all eligibility criteria and other requirements set forth in the guidelines;

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board, in accordance with section 3641(16) of the Education Law, finds that the plans identified in Addendum 1, attached hereto, are compliant with all eligibility criteria and other requirements set forth in the guidelines, and hereby approves such plans accordingly; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board, in accordance with Chapter 56 of the Laws of 2014 and for all plans approved herein, hereby authorizes the State Education Department to approve reallocations of funds between categories and/or sub-categories in a school district's Board approved plan without the approval of an amendment or supplement by the Board so long as: (A) such reallocation does not result in the addition, deletion, or substitution of any project to be undertaken in accordance with a school district's Board approved plan, (B) such reallocation is necessitated by (i) higher-than-expected construction bid costs, (ii) an increase in the cost of devices due to the introduction of a new technical standard, (iii) an unforeseen event that threatens health or safety and requires immediate corrective action, and/or (iv) cost overruns experienced on a Connectivity Projects for Communities project; and (C) (i) the amount reallocated is less than the greater of \$20,000 or 10% of the Board approved plan total budget, and (ii) the Board approved plan total budget remains unchanged.

This resolution shall take effect immediately and remain in effect until modified, replaced or repealed by resolution of the Board.

No. 2023-05

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

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District Name	Total Budgeted
ALLEGANY-LIMESTONE CSD	\$53,633
BALDWINVILLE CSD	\$495,913
BEMUS POINT CSD	\$193,929
BOQUET VALLEY CSD	\$107,265
BRASHER FALLS CSD	\$198,012
BRASHER FALLS CSD	\$387,526
BURNT HILLS-BALLSTON LAKE CSD	\$0
CANTON CSD	\$954,530
CASSADAGA VALLEY CSD	\$244,000
CATO-MERIDIAN CSD	\$148,600
CATTARAUGUS-LITTLE VALLEY CSD	(\$166,036)
CHARLOTTE VALLEY CSD	\$475,003
COPENHAGEN CSD	\$290,827
COPIAGUE UFSD	(\$400)
DANSVILLE CSD	\$271,200
DERUYTER CSD	\$286,630
ELMIRA CITY SD	\$0
HARTFORD CSD	\$115,708
JERICO UFSD	\$259,140
LAKE LAND CSD	(\$145)
LAWRENCE UFSD	\$199,516
LITTLE FALLS CITY SD	\$50,000
LOCKPORT CITY SD	(\$32,562)
MADISON CSD	\$19,600
MIDDLE COUNTRY CSD	\$0
MT. SINAI UFSD	\$124,464
NORTH BABYLON UFSD	\$838,149
NORTHERN ADIRONDACK CSD	\$414,954
NY MILLS UFSD	\$47,324
NY MILLS UFSD	\$189,910
PERRY CSD	\$396,990
PITTSFORD CSD	\$739,907
PLAINEDGE UFSD	\$0
POUGHKEEPSIE CITY SD	\$2,791,214
PULASKI CSD	\$665,466
ROCKVILLE CENTRE UFSD	\$523,433
SACHEM CSD	\$0
SALEM CSD	\$214,758
SCARSDALE UFSD	\$200,549
SHERMAN CSD	\$47,767
SILVER CREEK CSD	\$239,928
SPENCER-VAN ET TEN CSD	(\$5)
STOCKBRIDGE VALLEY CSD	\$258,675
SYRACUSE CITY SD	\$0
VALHALLA UFSD	\$457,847
WALTON CSD	\$408,681
WHITEHALL CSD	\$79,972
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$13,191,873</b>
<b>Plan Count</b>	<b>47</b>

Expenditure Category						
School Connectivity	Community Connectivity	Classroom Technology	Pre-K Classrooms	Replace TCUs	High-Tech Security	Non-Public Schools
\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$53,633	\$0
\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$495,913	\$0
\$193,929	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
\$107,265	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$198,012	\$0
\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$387,526	\$0
(\$8,041)	\$0	\$8,041	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
\$0	\$0	\$931,280	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$23,250
\$0	\$0	\$244,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$148,600	\$0
\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$166,036)	\$0
\$475,003	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
\$0	\$0	\$290,827	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
\$0	\$0	(\$400)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
\$0	\$0	\$271,200	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$286,630	\$0
(\$1,047,003)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,047,003	\$0
\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$115,708	\$0
\$0	\$0	\$197,008	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$62,132
\$0	\$0	(\$145)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
\$0	\$0	\$101,118	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$98,398
\$0	\$0	\$50,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
\$22,519	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$59,005)	\$3,924
\$19,600	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
(\$27,083)	\$0	\$27,083	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
\$122,131	\$0	\$2,101	\$0	\$0	\$232	\$0
\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$838,149	\$0
\$0	\$0	\$414,954	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$47,324	\$0
\$0	\$0	\$189,910	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
\$0	\$0	\$396,990	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
\$0	\$0	\$662,250	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$77,657
\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,791,214	\$0
\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$665,466	\$0
\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$523,433	\$0
\$156,323	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$156,323)	\$0
\$0	\$0	\$214,758	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
\$0	\$0	\$190,700	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$9,849
\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$47,767	\$0
\$0	\$0	\$239,928	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$5)	\$0
\$258,675	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$457,847	\$0
\$58,681	\$0	\$250,000	\$0	\$0	\$100,000	\$0
\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$79,972	\$0
<b>\$331,999</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$4,681,603</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$7,903,060</b>	<b>\$275,211</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>6</b>