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On June 23, 2011 the School District of Poynette's Board of Education commissioned Energy Services Group (ESG) to develop a Comprehensive Facility Plan. The Comprehensive Facility Plan aims to reduce the School District's operating costs, while strategically addressing aging infrastructure and improving the indoor environment.

The annual utility energy consumption and accompanying cost was calculated for the period from August, 2010 through July, 2011. The three utilities- electricity, natural gas and water/sewer cost \$267,372.00 for this twelve month period.

In 2009 the state of Wisconsin created a revenue limit exemption that allows a school district to increase its revenue limit for the purpose of financing energy efficiency measures.

The Poynette Board of Education will be holding a Special Board meeting on Friday, January 6, 2012 to consider approving a Resolution to issue \$1,645,000.00 in General Obligation Bonds to finance the facility improvement measures.

The bonds would be retired over a fifteen year period. The projected interest rate on the bonds is 2.72%. The projected energy related savings and capital cost avoidance over this fifteen year period is greater than the cost of retiring the bonds.

The Board of Education's Facilities Committee and Policy/Finance Committee have been working closely with the representatives from ESG throughout the past several months to become more knowledgeable about the proposals as well as to offer recommendations that promote the educational goals of the School District.

Children seem to have boundless energy and enthusiasm. The Energy Savings Project that the Board of Education will be considering on January 6th, though not focused directly on the energy and enthusiasm of our children, I believe will promote their wellness and success.