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I'm not going to take a lot of time with this. Clearly, we need to secure our buildings, but school safety is one of those things that you can spend your entire capital budget on and only barely move the needle. This project seeks to create a student vestibule at the west end of Thomas Worthington High School by essentially creating a new building that will be seamlessly bolted on to the existing structure. When I inquired whether we really needed to spend \$650,000 to create this structure, I was told that we could do it for perhaps \$100,000 to \$150,000 but the result wouldn't leave as nice a lobby area as TWHS enjoys now. The difference, half a million dollars, is considerable and I thought it warranted at least a small amount of discussion. Unlike operating money which comes with some certainty each and every year, when capital improvement funds are gone, they are gone. We seem to be operating under a philosophy that Worthington taxpayers will continue to replenish that particular pot forever. I'm not so sure, therefore, I think we might be a but more judicious in their use. School safety yes, but we need to balance cost and function.