

## **BOARD WORK SESSION**

**March 16, 2017**

A board work session of the School Board of Independent School District No. 518, Worthington, Minnesota, was held at the Worthington High School at 1211 Clary Street, Worthington, Minnesota on March 16, at 7:00 a.m.

The following were present: BOARD MEMBERS – Lori Dudley, Stephen Schnieder, Joel Lorenz, Linden Olson, Scott Rosenberg, Brad Shaffer ABSENT: Victoria Blanchette

ADMINISTRATORS – John Landgaard, Superintendent, Dave Skog, Director of Management Services, Principals/Director-Josh Noble, Heidi Meyer, Sharon Johnson

The focus of the work session is to develop a list of options to consider so that numbers can be put together to decide what route the board would like to go with concerning the space issue.

Mr. Landgaard began the work session with some of the comments, needs and solutions from the six listening meetings that were held with the public.

Mr. Landgaard then distributed the Action Plan information, which included identified needs, wants and long-term maintenance priorities.

Some of the school board members' comments and ideas were: Get the public to sell the idea and revise a plan, which isn't fiscally strained. The district cannot sit and wait for the legislature to change things with the tax structure; something has to be done now. Clearly list the costs of adding on to the three buildings long term versus constructing a new high school. Would like to see the costs of the upkeep and maintenance of adding on to existing buildings versus building a new High School. Set the sports facility idea aside at this point and focus on the classroom space needs. Get the public to focus on kids first instead of their pocketbooks and by doing that they will be investing in the future of our community. Would like to see something put together on why things will not work smoothly in regard to adding on to the existing buildings. Also would like to see the cost of a new High School if doing it in 3-4 steps versus doing it all at one time i.e. new high school, stadium, gymnastics facility, etc. The West building needs to be demolished. Also discussed the MCFitness building to house the gymnastics program but previous studies indicated that it would not be fiscally feasible and it would have parking limitations.

Mr. Landgaard went on to summarize the focus the board would like to take: 1) Additions to existing school buildings 2) New High School building with 1,100-student capacity and 3) Elimination of the West building and to address the issue of where to house the ALC and Community Education.

Work session adjourned at 8:15 a.m.

Joel Lorenz, Clerk

Lisa Ahrenstorff, Deputy Clerk