

**BOARD WORK SESSION****October 23, 2017**

A board work session of the School Board of Independent School District No. 518, Worthington, Minnesota, was held at the Worthington High School Media Center at 1211 Clary Street, Worthington, Minnesota on October 23, 2017, at 7:00 a.m.

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

Absent-Joel Lorenz

ADMINISTRATORS – John Landgaard, Superintendent, Dave Skog, Director of Management Services, Katie Clarke, Heidi Meyer, Barry Fischer, Deb Stoll, Sharon Johnson

The focus of the work session was to discuss the Master/Strategic Plan, enrollment growth options and the Fairgrounds Street repavement.

**Master/Strategic Plan:**

Mr. Landgaard started out the work session discussing the draft of the strategic master plan. Several board members expressed their opinions and suggestions regarding the plan. The board went on to discuss the facilities long-term master plan. They discussed the problems that exist with the West building and why this building is no longer a building the district would like to continue using. A few board members agreed that the school district needs to get information out to the public as to why the west building is no longer feasibly usable. It was also noted that the classroom space is not only an issue but also space for food service and gym. The board went on to discuss the priority of each item listed and to use priority levels instead of priority 1, 2 and 3. It was noted that the district needs to stop talking about short-term solutions and start talking about a long-term solution for our enrollment increase. This long-term solution needs to be communicated more effectively to the public as to why we are moving forward with the building referendum.

**Address Enrollment Growth Options:**

Mr. Landgaard presented the potential options to address the space limitations due to the continuing enrollment growth whether the referendum passes or not. If the referendum passes, the new building will not be available for another 2 years. One board member expressed concern that information needs to be conveyed to the public as to why our current enrollment situation does not work. The board would like to see a cost analysis and definition on the potential options in order to make a decision on a long-term solution and to educate the public on the legislative mandates the school district has to abide by.

**Fairgrounds Street Repavement:**

Mr. Landgaard presented the Fairgrounds street discussion and the need to replace the pavement in front of the hockey arena. This would be in collaboration with the Fair Board, the County and the Hockey Association. The cost estimate of repaving would be around \$300,000. The board would like to see an increase in the school district's annual contribution to help pay for the cost of the repavement and to refer this item to the Operations committee to come up with an acceptable amount.

Work session adjourned at 8:48 a.m.

Joel Lorenz, Clerk

Lisa Ahrenstorff, Deputy Clerk