

## **BOARD WORK SESSION**

**June 1, 2017**

A board work session of the School Board of Independent School District No. 518, Worthington, Minnesota, was held at the District Administration Office at 1117 Marine Avenue, Worthington, Minnesota on June 1, 2017, 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

The focus of the work session was to discuss the development of a master plan.

Mr. Landgaard distributed the following: an enrollment projection sheet, an outline of the master plan options, a facility planning scenarios summary sheet, a tax impact analysis sheet in regard to building bonds, a future project cost analysis sheet, an agriculture tax credit changes sheet and certificate of participation payment sheet. Mr. Landgaard requested the board to discuss the overall options he listed; discuss a request he received from SMOC to consider selling 1½ acres of property off Pleasant Avenue to build a new Head Start facility and the idea of using a communications consultant.

The board went on to discuss the SMOC request to buy 1½ acres of property off Pleasant Avenue. The board all agreed on the idea of selling the property to SMOC if the need arises. It was noted that SMOC is looking at another property as well.

The board discussed the outline for the master plan and addressed some of the public's perceptions of the threat of JBS using robotics and the loss of jobs, the Lewis and Clark water project coming to Worthington and the Sanford hospital idea of increasing their woman's birth center due to increase in births.

The board discussed the options listed on the master plan outline. Some of the ideas and concerns by the board were to look at the cost of building a cheaper High School instead and what that price tag would get the district if it were to go that route. The District does not want to build something that will not meet the district's needs. The communication needs to be better with the public on conveying the needs of the District. The idea of constructing a new 3-5 intermediate school for 40 million with the idea of converting it to a High School down the road. The board asked for short-term costs versus the long-term costs. It was indicated that the board needs help in communicating the need to the public because the need is there and it is not going away. The district needs the support from the community leaders. Would like to see both options of a new High School and the option of a 3-5 intermediate school along with the costs with both. Would like to see what the communication consultant's opinion is on whether there would be enough time to hold a special election in November or do a spring election instead. It was also noted to hold a training for administration and staff to make sure everyone is on the same page when addressing the district's needs and the public's questions.

In summary, the board would like to see two options on the school board agenda for approval in June with 1) building a new high school or 2) building a new 3-5 intermediate school with the idea of converting it to a High School later.

Work session adjourned at 8:34 a.m.

Joel Lorenz, Clerk

Lisa Ahrenstorff, Deputy Clerk