

## **BOARD WORK SESSION**

**February 23, 2021**

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 February 23, 2021, at 5:00 p.m.

The following were present: BOARD MEMBERS – Lori Dudley, Brad Shaffer, Joel Lorenz, Steve Schnieder, Mike Harberts, Adam Blume, Tom Prins

ADMINISTRATORS – John Landgaard, Superintendent, Dave Skog, Director of Management Services, Sharon Johnson, Tara Thompson, Doug Brands, Katie Clarke, Amy Ernst

Sal Bagley from Wold Architects and Pat Overom from ICS Consulting, Inc. were in attendance to answer questions and provide information on the Community Education facility.

Motion by Member Shaffer, and seconded by Member Lorenz and unanimously passed to approve the agenda for the February 23, 2021, School Board Work Session.

The Work Session started out with Mr. Landgaard presenting the District Action Plan and discussing short and long-term items listed such as roof and parking lot repairs. The board discussed the current enrollment and the idea of doing another enrollment study.

The board went on to discuss the Community Education facility and the concern that the facility would be too small for future programming. Also discussed the pros and cons of considering the Shopko building again and the idea of an all-day every day preschool. Some items of interest mentioned were an indoor playground, more storage space, adding more classrooms and master planning for future extension.

The board continued to discuss the idea of adding more square footage to accommodate the growing Community Education programs and the District Office, Teaching & Learning and Special Programs. Sal Bagley indicated that adding another 6,500 square feet for an additional 6 classrooms would be approximately \$2.77 million and if we were to add 10,000 square feet to accommodate space for the District Office, Teaching & Learning and Special Education it would cost approximately \$3.1 million. The board's consensus was to add more classrooms, storage space and an indoor playground at a little higher budget of \$17.5 to accommodate the future needs of the Community Education programs. Both Sal and Pat will put something together to present to the board regarding the costs of the additional spacing requested in the next week or so.

The board also discuss the demolition of the old West building versus selling the property for a \$1.

It was decided that the board should hold a public informational meeting to provide the public with information on what the board is looking at doing concerning the Community Education facility.

Work session adjourned at 6:55 a.m.

Steve Schnieder, Clerk

Lisa Ahrenstorff, Deputy Clerk