

High School Expansion Project – Fact Sheet

Background

- In January, 2008, the long range facilities plan was presented to the board. This plan included maintenance, renovation and construction projects for all school corporation facilities through 2027.
- Phase one of the plan included elementary school consolidation, renovations to Center Grove Elementary, and the High School Redesign, to begin in 2009 with completion in 2012.
- Two public forums were held in January. Phase one of the plan was presented to the school board in April with estimated costs of \$69.75 million. An additional public forum was held in May.
- The Board voted to approve SLC's but to schedule the 1028 hearing on the project after July 1, 2008 when new legislation took place allowing for a referendum process. The new timeline would be 2010 – 2013.
- At the August 18 Board meeting, the administration presented a revised timeline. Based on discussions with the Board, we directed the architect to provide for consideration a price list of all the items needed for high school improvement and expansion. The board could then consider whether to continue to plan for phases, or to combine the phases into one project, requiring only one referendum.
- On September 15, the architect presented all the items needed and explained how they would be packaged together in the price list.
- On October 2, that price list, totaling approximately \$126 million, was provided during a board work session. It included items under consideration from the original facilities plan that were presented as additional phases to be completed during the next 10-12 years, as well as additional facility needs.

Current Status

The \$126 million price list includes curricular, co-curricular, and extracurricular facility needs.

- **Curricular: \$91.5 million**
Includes: SLC's, Hallways, Special Services, Cafeteria, Administration, and the physical education/health center.
- **Co-curricular: \$26.8 million**
Includes: Additional classrooms, music department improvement and expansion, and natatorium.
- **Extracurricular: \$5.9 million**
Includes: Soccer field turf and locker room, football press box and increased seating capacity, restroom/concession/admission facility for baseball, and resurfacing existing and adding six tennis courts.
- **Other costs: \$2.2 million**
Includes: the connector road between CGES and CGMSC to the ESC, and land acquisition.

This list was presented to the school board during the October work session. When they asked Principal Matt Shockley for his recommendation, he expressed the need for all the items on the list. It would be wonderful to be able to provide our current and future students all of the excellent facilities on this list. However, an official recommendation regarding the facilities plan has not yet been made to the board by the superintendent.

During the October 13 board meeting, the board voted to place a hold on architectural work until they decide the scope of the project. Superintendent Dr. Stephanoff was asked to make a recommendation to the board during the November 17 school board meeting. Once this recommendation has been made, the board may consider, discuss, modify, and/or vote to approve the project. (If the board approves a project on November 17, we would expect to have a referendum in the spring. This would allow residents to vote on the project.)

Additional Information

Please be sure to check out the new section of the Center Grove website, dedicated to the construction project. Go to the district home page and click on "Center Grove Construction Projects." There you will find:

- Fact Check: Distinguish fact from fiction
- In the News: Press releases, news articles, and letters from community members
- Community Feedback Form
- Budget and Finance information
- The High School Redesign site