

Stadium Construction Exploratory Committee Report

The History

Conversations began in 2005 after the High School was completed about facilities that were not included in the bond - specifically the stadium. The Board began designating funds each year for construction purposes. In 2010 an engineering study was conducted to provide information on the most suitable site. In 2011 all plans for stadium construction or renovation were shelved in anticipation of State funding cuts to public schools. This year the Board formed a committee to revisit the feasibility of stadium construction or renovation. The Board has voted to do something about the football stadium and is still studying options. One option was renovating the existing Shockley Field. The Board has voted to use fund balance to build a new stadium at site 2 (current track) or 3 (current practice field). Below is a partial list of factors that were considered to come to this conclusion.

Factors that were considered:

Shockley Field

- Nostalgic appeal
- Layout limits track events and area for field events
- Home side facing to sun
- Failing infrastructure, including hazard slope, retaining walls, bathrooms, curbing around track
- Bussing of high school students to weight room and practice field
- Lack of space for 8 lane competition track
- Limited parking
- Flood plan at north end of Shockley field
- To accommodate competition track the baseball field would have to be moved or shifted.

A new stadium

- Would provide for more effective use of time due to proximity of students
- Supported by engineering report and architect
- Would upgrade facilities
- Would still require maintenance
- Would be closer to majority of students using the facilities
- Could be utilized by Band and others student groups
- Could provide a weight room for strength development
- Allow for track events

Future decisions and considerations: All athletic fields at high school, maximizing use, parking, bleacher size, field turf vs grass.

Current Status: Use fund balance to build a new stadium at site 2 (current track) or 3 (current practice field); continue to utilize Shockley Field for practice facilities and instructional use. This would include making minor changes to Shockley to address existing issues.

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