

**Ashland City School District Board of Education – Work Session  
Wednesday, December 13, 2017**

The Ashland City School District Board of Education met for a work session on Wednesday, December 13, 2017, at the Ashland City School District Central Offices, 1407 Claremont Ave., Mr. Will Gravitt, President, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

- I. ROLL CALL** Mr. Rick Ewing, Mr. Will Gravitt, Mr. Bryan Lefelhoc, Mrs. Lindsey Saffle, and Dr. James Wolfe were present.
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Gravitt, Board President.
- III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA 2017-12-127** Mr. Ewing motioned; second by Dr. Wolfe to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

**IV. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**A. Date for Organizational Meeting & Work Session – Monday, January 8, 2018 – 7:00 p.m.**

**B. Facilities/Construction Update**

- 1) Dr. Marrah reminded the Board of the success with Reagan, Middle School, ADA restrooms and HVAC at Edison.
- 2) Taft AC project will be the same.
- 3) Reviewed the construction timeline and blueprints with the Board for:
  - a. Taft/Edison security
  - b. Field house
  - c. High School renovation

Will add the track at a later date. Price is 2.5 – 3 million dollars. Over a million in fundraising. No general fund – construction money returning from the Middle School/Reagan project.

-Mr. Gravitt – reminded the public and staff of the security measures that are needed for safety purposes.

-Dr. Marrah – discussed the drills that were performed and the security process to get into the building.

-Dr. Wolfe – this construction instead of working on the High School improvements.

-Mr. Lefelhoc – Community dollars are available now for the field house. The High School project has not been discussed.

-Mr. Ewing – look at the entire plan and discuss the overall schedule.

-Dr. Marrah – Summer of 2019 for the High School improvements. Cost estimate: 1.2 million for the science room; 2 million for the café; 1 million for the event entry; \$400,000 for ADA restrooms and \$978 for sprinklers.

-Mr. Ewing – Board knew these were things that we would need to do when the community agreed to build the Middle School and Reagan.

-Mr. Knabe – PI funds are planned for the improvements and building maintenance.

-Tom McNaull – questioned if High School windows and AC are part of the overall plan.

-Rob Ward – Congratulated the Board on the management of the district. Private/Public funding has been a win/win decision.

-Dr. Wolfe – Is fundraising based on the Board coming up with ½ the funds.

-Mr. Gravitt – the fundraising process needs to be discussed. Threshold of availability of funds needs to be decided.

-Mr. Ewing – Design and fundraising has moved forward at the point to see where the two meet.

-Mr. Lefelhoc – That's why work sessions are held to discuss the projects in public.

-Dr. Wolfe – Not opposed to ask the community for money to finish the High School, but don't want to explain to the community the money that was spent on the field house.

-Mr. Ewing – sometimes donors drive the priority of projects.

-Mr. Gravitt – we need to be up front with the community about the fundraising. Is the community (thankful to donors) going to get behind the field house before education?

-Mr. Lefelhoc – look at the total plan

-Dr. Wolfe – use the website to communicate with the public including cost. Pick another project that can be co-funded as well as the field house.

-Mr. Lefelhoc – we've done this once (Private/Public funded), can we do it again?

-Mr. Ewing – Hire a consultant to develop a science wing. Multiple projects at once.

-Mr. Ward – Cautious about getting spread too thin and then not having funds for any project.

-Mr. Lefelhoc – Likes to see plans brought to the Board.

-Dr. Wolfe – Parents want to see the High School air conditioned.

-Mr. McNaull – the model of Archer – The shell was built then the community had a shopping list of things the people want to fund.

-Dr. Wolfe – need dollar amount, budget with the five year forecast. Interim five year forecast. Need input from the community.

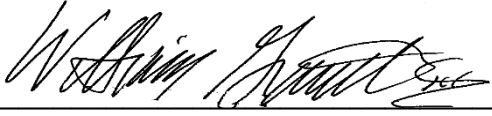
-Mr. Ewing – has not approached this with the intent to ask the taxpayers for money.

**C. JVS Board Seat** – Mr. Lefelhoc suggests appointing Mr. Ewing to the JVS Board.

**D. Other** – Artwork will be on display and the choir will be at the Regular meeting at Archer Auditorium on December 18, 2017.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT 2017-12-128** Mr. Lefelhoc motioned; second by Dr. Wolfe to adjourn the December 13, 2017 Work Session. Motion carried 5-0.

Adjourn 8:10 p.m.



Mr. Gravitt, President



Susan Guthrie, Treasurer

**IMPORTANT DATES**

December 18, 2017      Regular Meeting  
January 8, 2018        Organizational Meeting  
\*\*\*BOE Member's pictures taken at this meeting.

**Archer Auditorium**      7:00 p.m.  
Central Office                7:00 p.m.