

Issaquah High School Stadium

Update & Follow-up
May 11, 2023

Purpose

- To provide follow-up details related to discussions concerning the Issaquah High School Stadium from the:
 - March 9th Board Meeting discussion of the IHS Stadium Improvements project
 - April 19th IHS Stadium Community Listening Session

IHS Stadium Community Listening Session (1 of 6)

- The purpose of the April 19 listening session was to have District leadership get together with, and listen to, IHS boosters and community members concerns related to the stadium, including stadium lighting, stadium capacity, condition of the track, athletic field turf replacement, scope of the 2012 Bond and the status of completion of the 2012 Bond.
- Some of the issues discussed were:
 - Stadium Lighting
 - Stadium Capacity
 - Condition of the track
 - Athletic Field Turf Replacement

IHS Stadium Community Listening Session (2 of 6)

- Stadium Lighting

- Concerns were voiced related to the age and condition of the stadium lighting.
- The District committed to investigating lighting replacement cost and would get back to the group with follow-up information.
- Follow-up information:
 - Age
 - Poles and lights were installed in 1994
 - Condition
 - Some of the light fixtures/bulbs are not working and the wood poles have twisted over time
 - Lighting Levels
 - Current lighting levels average approximately 20 foot candles and optimal is an average of 50 foot candles
 - The District Maintenance has replaced bulbs that had failed to increase lighting levels in the short term

IHS Stadium Community Listening Session (3 of 6)

- Follow-up information – continued
 - New stadium lighting
 - Cost
 - Initial estimate is approximately \$675,000 for a lighting system comparable to LHS and SHS.
 - A funding source for this work has not been identified at this time
 - Timeline
 - Once the lighting system order is confirmed it is approximately 10-12 weeks for a completely installed system.
 - Permitting
 - Currently working with the City of Issaquah to better understand the required permitting process.

IHS Stadium Community Listening Session (4 of 6)

- Stadium Capacity

- Concerns were raised about the commitment of the 2012 Bond to increase stadium capacity numbers.
- The District reiterated that limitations by City code were ultimately the restriction on any significant expansion of the stadium seating.
- Conversations with the City related to future additional stadium capacity seating and alternate solutions are underway.

- Follow-up

- At this point no further plans are being made related to significant expansion of seating at the stadium other than discussions with the City referred to above.

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- Track Condition

- Concerns were raised about the condition of the track. It was expressed by one community member that the base rubber of the existing track should be removed and replaced along with the structural top-coat (color coat) due to deterioration of the base rubber.
- Although full replacement of the track base rubber was not anticipated in the 2018 Levy funding the District committed to investigating the possibility of moving up the timeline for replacement of the track base rubber and staying within the budget.

- Follow-up:

- Pricing received is allowing the replacement of the track base rubber within the budget established in the 2018 Levy and is planning on being completed Summer 2023.

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- Athletic Field Turf Replacement
 - It was asked if the turf was being replaced and when that replacement would happen.
 - The District let the group know that the turf replacement that was part of the 2018 Levy would occur Summer 2023 and would be done prior to the start of school.
- Follow-up:
 - Work is still scheduled to be completed over the summer.

Funding and Timelines Recap

- Stadium Lighting Replacement
 - A funding source has not yet been identified.
 - If funding is identified and authorized the project is anticipated to be completed in August 2023 depending upon permitting with the City.
- Track Base Rubber and Surface Replacement
 - Pricing received allowed for the full track replacement and will stay within the budget established in the 2018 Levy.
 - Completion of the full track replacement Summer 2023
- Athletic Field Turf Replacement
 - Funding for the turf replacement was a part of the 2018 Levy.
 - Completion of the turf replacement will occur 2023.

Next Steps

- Continue discussions related to replacement of the stadium lighting.
- Proceeding with replacement of the turf field and track over the Summer
- Continued follow-up with IHS Stadium Community via IHS Staff, email exchanges and phone calls as ideas, questions, concerns etc. are raised

Questions?

