

SPRING LAKE BOARD OF EDUCATION WORK SESSION, AUGUST 8, 2025

The Spring Lake Board of Education held a Work Session on Friday, August 8, 2025, in person at the Holmes Elementary Collaboration Room. Jennifer Nicles called the meeting to order at 1:08 p.m. Board members present: Jennifer Nicles, Curt Theune, Paul Aldridge, Christopher Beck, Kelly VanderHoek, Courtney Holmes, and Dustin Brown. Absent: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

WORK SESSION/DISCUSSION

BOND PROJECT UPDATE

Introductions were made for those present and an update on the status of the bond projects, budgets and considerations for long-range master planning of the high school campus were provided as follows:

- Progress photos of the Laker Athletic Center (fieldhouse), new High School Administrative Offices, new High School Media Center and Collaboration rooms provided
- Bid Pack 4 – Scope of Work
 - High School
 - Renovations to industrial & visual arts departments
 - Addition of two classrooms
 - Auditorium upgrades
 - Lighting and lighting control upgrades
 - HVAC control upgrades
 - Fire alarm upgrades
 - Restroom upgrades
 - Floor replacement
 - Ceiling replacement
 - Interior door hardware upgrades & replacements
 - Exterior door replacements
 - Band & choir acoustic upgrades
 - Interior finish upgrades
 - HS locker replacement
 - Baseball Complex
 - Modifying softball storage to be equivalent to baseball
 - Alternate bid to use synthetic turf on baseball and softball fields
 - Tentative open date of spring 2027
 - Tennis Courts
 - 12 courts total, some parking spaces will be eliminated for additional tennis courts, however, new parking spaces will be added to the south of the existing tennis courts
 - Expansion of restroom building for storage area
 - Pavilion constructed for “tournament central”
 - All district school buildings will have outdoor learning spaces constructed with the potential for an additional outdoor space at the high school for students outside industrial arts
- Possible demolition of Hickman Field and Middle School tennis courts discussed as well as the options for the use of the areas

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- There is a need for youth lacrosse, football, soccer teams to use field space
 - Options are:
 - Remove the Middle School tennis courts and create a green space field
 - Replace the baseball field and a create green space field
 - Remove both the Middle School tennis courts and the baseball field for use as a green space field
 - To keep the tennis courts would result in costly repairs or a complete replacement of the courts
 - To keep the baseball field would also be expensive and labor intensive to maintain
 - BOE needs to have discussion regarding future of baseball field
- Budget update for fieldhouse, High School office addition, High School Media Ctr, High School renovations shared – Currently tracking on budget for overall bond, as projects are completed unused contingency will be returned back to the bond
 - It was noted that a portion of the overage for High School office is the fire alarm system which was upgraded for the entire High School. This was due to upgrades that would be needed for new High School office fire system to work with remainder of High School’s existing fire system.

Project Schedule

- First series of projects near completion
 - Fieldhouse and office opening this fall
 - Fieldhouse ribbon cutting mid-September
- Second series underway
 - High School Media Center and commons underway, temporary walls going up
 - Targeted completion spring 2026 – OAK confident with completion date
- Next wave of projects
 - High School Tennis courts – bidding this fall construction summer/fall 2026
 - High School Baseball complex – bidding this fall construction summer/fall 2026
 - Middle School/Intermediate School renovation – bidding this fall – construction summer 2026
 - High School additions and renovations – bidding this fall – construction summer 2026-summer 2027

The Board had an opportunity following the presentation for questions and further discussion. Dennis Furton asked the board to consider the tennis court and baseball field options and provide feedback to him.

ADJOURNMENT

Jen Nicles moved, supported by Curt Theune, to adjourn the meeting.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

Jennifer Nicles adjourned the meeting at 2:10 p.m.

APPROVED: _____
Date Board Secretary