

Grandview C-4 School District
Community Input Meeting: Potential GHS Stadium Upgrades
December 2011

Questions and Answers

Q: Why are you considering this initiative?

A: In April 2011, voters approved a \$7 million Grandview C-4 bond issue. One of the projects targeted was the replacement of the Grandview Middle School heating/cooling piping, at an estimated cost of \$2.4 million. Based on information gained during the first phase of the project which occurred this summer, the scope of work for the remaining phases was reduced to a total estimated cost of \$1.4 million – resulting in \$1 million available for reallocation to other projects and initiatives.

Q: Can this bond money be used for other needs, such as hiring teachers, curriculum needs and for technology?

A: No, district bond money is designated for facility improvements. The district utilizes operating and grant funds to support, staffing, curriculum and technology needs.

Q: Is the \$1 million dedicated to Grandview Middle School improvement needs?

A: No, this bond money was allocated for the GMS heating/cooling project, it was not dedicated to Grandview Middle.

Q: Why couldn't this money be used for other needed building improvements?

A: The district could utilize the \$1 million to continue numerous upgrades for our aging buildings; however, we believe we have a unique and timely opportunity to use the \$1 million to provide stadium upgrades at GHS.

Q: Will the upgrades be just for football use?

A: No, the GHS Stadium upgrades will create a multi-purpose facility that can be enjoyed and utilized by students, parents, staff and community members; allowing such things as increased outdoor classroom space, outdoor practice field for marching band and a state of the art state of the art field for football and soccer competitions.

Q: What is the total cost of the project and what will it include?

A: A \$1 million budget will provide field preparation (excavation, drainage system, etc.), field turf, approximately two years of supplies (sand, rubber, etc.), field maintenance equipment, goals and goal posts, LED score board and possibly a bleacher upgrade.

Q: Which area schools have turf and which schools do not?

A: Schools in the suburban conference that currently play on turf include: Blue Springs, Blue Springs South, Liberty, Liberty North, Ray-Pec, Lee's Summit, Lee's Summit North, Lee's Summit West, Ruskin, North Kansas City, Winnetonka, Staley, Oak Park, Park Hill, Park Hill South, Truman, William Chrisman, Raytown, Raytown South, Belton, and Platte County. Schools in the Suburban Conference that currently do not play on turf include: St. Joe Central, Fort Osage, Kearney, and Grandview.

Q: When would the GHS Stadium project start and finish?

A: At this time, we would anticipate that the Board of Education would be considering this item at the March 2012 meeting. If the initiative is approved, our intent is to have the stadium upgrades completed by early to mid-August 2012.