

Proposed Booster Club Project: Addition of auxiliary gym south of current competition gym

The primary identified need of the booster club as well as head coaches in the school system is additional indoor practice space. A number of months ago a plan was developed to construct a field house, which was presented to the school board. That project appears to be too large of scale to undertake at this time.

A revised plan to add a gym attached to the south of the high school gym is in discussion; the booster club would like feedback and direction from the school board regarding this project. While smaller in scale as compared to the field house the expense is still quite large and will need unwavering support from all involved to become a reality.

Estimates have been received from a local contractor and equipment suppliers to begin discussion of the project; these are shown below.

Estimate to construct a new auxiliary gym to the South of the existing gym at the school. Work would include site preparation, foundations, concrete floor, precast walls, steel framed roof and deck, membrane roofing, painting of interior and exterior, 4 entrances into the gym space, rooftop mechanical units, electrical lighting and power systems - \$ 1,200,000 to \$1,500,000 depending on final design requirements.

Bleachers: 5 rows 75ft long on one side of the gym are estimated to cost \$22,500

Flooring (multipurpose): \$60,800

Batting Cages (2 suspended from the ceiling): \$12,500

Backstops (6)/Volleyball/Tennis nets: 42,000 (may not use tennis nets)

Total equipment estimate: \$137,800

Total estimated project cost: \$1,330,000 - \$1,630,000\*

If support is provided an application for use of the Esther Meyer donation, assets of the booster club, and a fundraising campaign would be the source of revenue for construction.

Needs met by the proposed structure are:

- Elimination of late practices during basketball season which allows students to be home earlier in the evening
- Additional indoor practice space for inclement weather for spring, summer and fall sports
- Additional access for year around training and skill development
- Additional space created in other facilities for youth teams
- Increased availability of space when the competition gym is set up for concerts, graduation, etc.

\*cost could be reduced if a steel structure similar to the proposed field house were used rather than precast concrete walls