

## **Frequently Asked Questions Concerning Football Stadium**

- 1. Will the junior varsity play on the field?** Yes, up to 4 to 6 games depending on number of home games scheduled.
- 2. Will the middle school play on the field?** Yes, both the seventh and eighth grade teams will play up to 4 to 6 games depending on number of home games scheduled.
- 3. How many track meets will be scheduled?** Depending on how many track meets can be scheduled, the hope is to have at least two middle school and high school meets. There will also be the possibility for Johnson City to host the district qualifying track meet.
- 4. How will the present track be utilized?** Practice and training for teams. Community use for groups and/or individuals.
- 5. What else can the new stadium be used for?** Band practice, band competitions, playoff football games, power lifting meets, off season training, physical education classes, graduation and other school events.
- 6. Can the new stadium be converted for soccer?** There is a possibility for the youth soccer.
- 7. Will the public be able to use it for special events?** Community members may request to use any facility through a Facility Use Request.
- 8. What does “repurposing” Shockley Field (SITE One) mean?** The Stadium Construction Exploratory Committee defines repurposing as: a)No plans to sell the property; b)Utilize as a practice facility and pursuing ability to play game if needed; c)Minimal maintenance cost.
- 9. What are the current costs of repurposing Shockley Field?** The current costs of repurposing Shockley Field have not been determined at this time.
- 10. Does the estimated cost include artificial turf?** If not, what will the cost of artificial be? Estimates from the architecture firm of Fromberg Associates, Ltd. include field turf. However, the committee has not yet determined that any project will have field turf.
- 11. Do the costs cover construction overruns?** Estimates from Fromberg Associates, Ltd. include a 10% “conceptual program contingency.”
- 12. Do the costs include the architect’s fees?** Yes – 7%.
- 13. Are there hidden costs?** As with any construction project of this size, it is expected to have unexpected or unanticipated events happen that will add to the cost of the project.

- 14. How much of the district's reserve fund will be used in building a new stadium?** The amount used from the district's reserve fund has not been determined at this time but the superintendent and the Board realize the importance of maintaining a fund balance to ensure smooth operations.
- 15. How will the district replace the reserve funds used on building a new stadium?** Reserve funds probably will not be replaced to the same level because there will be no need.
- 16. Will there be enough left in the reserve fund after construction to deal with emergencies or unforeseen costs?** That is the intention and the recommendation from the Stadium Construction Exploratory Committee.
- 17. Does using the district's reserve fund put Johnson City ISD in financial jeopardy?** No.
- 18. Will replacing the reserve funds result in higher taxes?** No because the reserve funds will not be replaced to the same level.
- 19. Has an environmental impact study been performed by the district? If not – will it and what will be the cost?** Any required permits, including a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWP3), are typically in the agreement with the design professionals or the contractor. Currently there is not a contractor, scope of work, or any funds released by the Board for construction.
- 20. Will parents and community members be added to the Stadium Construction Exploratory Committee?** Yes. Jimmy Fox, Ed Hullum, Shannon Riebesehl, and Jim Odiorne have been added to the committee.
- 21. Will the committee hold more public meetings prior to a decision about repurposing or construction?** The Stadium Construction Exploratory Committee will make no binding decisions but will make recommendations to the School Board. Any binding decision will be made by the Board of Trustees. They meet every second Monday of the month at 6:00 PM in the Board Room of the Administration Office. Agendas are posted on the Johnson City ISD website, on the main doors of the campuses, and a notice regarding the meeting is forwarded to the local paper.
- 22. Will the new stadium be available for public use?** Currently facilities opened to the public are governed by Board Policy GKD (Legal and Local).
- 23. If the new stadium is built where the current track is, where will the students practice during track season? Particularly pole vaulting?** No site selection has been determined. Any site that will be selected will maximize the benefit while avoiding being disruptive.
- 24. Was Shockley Field maintained properly?** Yes. Regular maintenance occurs on Shockley Field each year: paint, roof, bracing to press box, drainage etc. In 2006 a new roof was added to the field house resulting in all plumbing and electrical having to be retrofitted. Shockley Field is over 60 old years and has issues as a result of age. Some issues (urinals & bleacher location) have not been addressed because of the potential of major renovations.
- 25. What is the cost of maintenance and how much will future maintenance cost on the new stadium?** Maintenance costs are dependent upon use and abuse and are budgeted for yearly.

- 26. Are maintenance funds designated in the current budget?** Yes, for all current facilities.
- 27. Is there a long term strategic plan for alternative education (vocational programs)?** Yes, HB5 outlines standards for graduation and career readiness. We address how HB5 is implemented in both the District Improvement Plan and Campus Improvement Plans. Both these documents contain long and short term goals evaluated and revised yearly. There are existing plans to expand industry certifications and career technology programs. We also have a comprehensive program to expand technology district wide. Both the high school art room and ag shop have recently been significantly expanded.
- 28. Is a stadium the weakest link in JCISD education?** One of the Board Priorities is to focus on facilities. When facilities were looked at, the Stadium Construction Exploratory Committee believes that the condition of the stadium is the district's weakest link.
- 29. Is there a site map for the entire JCISD property?** Yes and it is available at Central Office.
- 30. What is in it for the girls?** The only activity that will not be utilized by the girls is football. Cheer, band, and track will still benefit all female students, not to mention that the stands, restrooms and concessions will benefit all. All students will utilize the facility for training and practice, as well as physical education.
- 31. Is it possible at either site to have a North South orientation?** No site has been selected at this time.