

# I-35 Schools Building Plans



ELECTION ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2017

# I-35 Facilities Committee



- The I-35 Facilities Committee formed to support facility improvements at Interstate 35 Community School District; committee is made up of I-35 district patrons
- Circulated petition to have the proposed projects put before the voters in a special election on **Tuesday, February 7, 2017**
- Petition presented to I-35 Board of Directors on Monday, November 28, 2016; on the same night, the Board unanimously approved a resolution for the special election on Tuesday, February 7

# Projects



- Based on the longtime work of the Building and Grounds Committee (BGC), about 18 months ago the district started focusing on 3 primary projects presented by the BGC:
  - Auditorium
  - Career and Technical Education (CTE) shop space
  - Bus shed
- Phase I – Site Planning worked through multiple options on locations of the primary facilities and to ensure flexibility for any future needs for expansion
- Phase II – Design and Build became official when the Board approved the resolution to take this to district patrons at the special election on Tuesday, February 7, 2017

# Projects

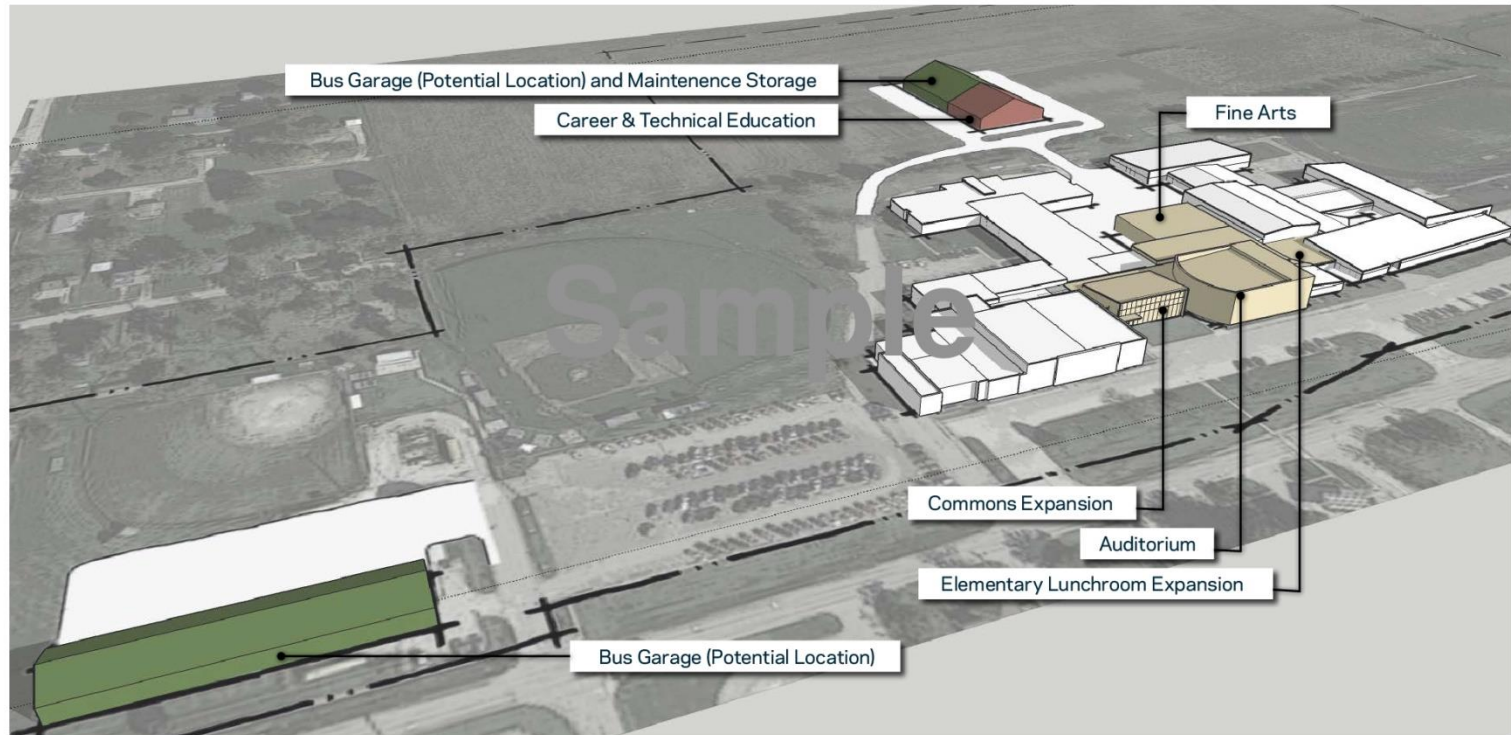


- Through Phase I – Site Planning for the three primary projects, additional opportunities for facility improvement presented themselves ... In addition to an auditorium, CTE facility, and bus shed, the following things are now included in the overall project.
  - Fine arts center
  - Enlarge elementary cafeteria
  - Enlarge high school cafeteria/commons area
  - Remodel main entrance to the high school
  - HVAC improvements throughout the facility
  - Maintenance shed (storage and work area)

# Visual Depiction



## MASTER PLAN | OPTION E



# Tentative Timeline



1. CTE building must be built first - bid in April 2017, construction spring/summer/fall 2017, usable January 2018
2. Fine arts center would be bid fall 2017 with construction starting fall/winter 2017 (including repurposing existing CTE space) after the CTE programs have moved into the new CTE building - estimated move-in date of spring 2018
3. Auditorium would be bid fall 2017, with construction to start spring/summer 2018 – estimated completion would be end of the 2018-2019 school year
4. Work on the elementary lunchroom, secondary commons/lunchroom, and high school entrance to be coordinated with construction of the auditorium
5. Work on bus and maintenance shed(s) to be bid as alternates, e.g., can be done whenever we get the best bid price – also contingent on location, e.g., attached to the CTE building or as a standalone
6. HVAC would be coordinated and bid/installed with interior projects, e.g., fine arts center and auditorium

Please note the timeline is tentative and will be contingent on reasonable bids being returned within budget.

# Financials



- Estimated costs for entire project is \$12-\$15 million
- Payment for the project would come from the following sources:
  - Up to \$7 million from general obligation bonds
    - ✦ Requires 60% approval of voters
    - ✦ 100% local property tax
    - ✦ Current bond ends in June 2017
    - ✦ New bond would replace the old bond at the same level of taxation
    - ✦ **No property tax increase for district patrons**
  - \$7 million from SAVE fund (Secure an Advanced Vision for Education – state sales tax penny for schools)
    - ✦ No local property tax
    - ✦ May currently borrow against future revenue through 2029 (hopefully the 2017 Iowa legislature extends the sunset of SAVE to beyond 2029)
- In figuring the financials, approximately \$600,000 was reserved from SAVE and Physical Plant and Equipment Levy (PPEL) funds for continued maintenance on current facility, purchase of buses, and continued emphasis on technology
- Special election to approve the entire project on Tuesday, February 7, 2017

# Ballot Language



- “Shall the Board of Directors of the Interstate 35 Community School District in the Counties of Clarke, Madison, and Warren, State of Iowa, be authorized to contract indebtedness and issue General Obligation Bonds in an amount not to exceed \$7,000,000 to be used together with Secure an Advanced Vision for Education revenues (SAVE – state sales tax penny for schools) to provide funds to build, furnish and equip an addition to and to remodel, improve, furnish and equip the existing school building, including an auditorium addition, HVAC improvements and related site improvements; and to build, furnish and equip a career and technical education building, and maintenance and a transportation facility, including existing bus garage removal and related site improvements?”
- The language cannot change and everything listed in the language must be done



# Auditorium



- 600 seats
- Located where the music and art rooms are currently located – and built to the south (edge of frontage road)
- Central location would allow daily use by both elementary and secondary schools
- Designed to promote all fine arts areas, e.g., instrumental music, vocal music, speech, art, and drama
- Built as a SAFE room for students and staff during dangerous weather (tornado)
- Available for community use

# CTE Building



- Standalone steel building (expandable in the future if needed) to be located just north of the current school (where the old portable classrooms are currently located)
- Approximately 9000 square feet; current classroom and shop spaces is less than 4000 square feet
- Classrooms for agriculture and industrial technology
- Open shop area flexible in meeting the changing needs of vocational programming
- Designed to promote “career ready” and meet the changing demands of our local and state economy, e.g., shortage area in skilled trades areas

# Fine Arts Center



- Constructed in the current CTE classroom/shop space, and added onto the north
- Would house instrumental music, vocal music, and secondary art
- Designed specifically to meet the needs of instrumental music, vocal music, and art
- Includes adequate classroom space, practice areas, and storage for all fine arts programs
- Centrally located between elementary and secondary wings
- Located across the hall from the new auditorium

# HVAC



- Would include air conditioning and other HVAC improvements throughout the district facility
- Depending on engineer's report on the current system and layout, may be part of this project or completed as a standalone project

# Cafeterias/Commons



- **ENLARGED ELEMENTARY LUNCHROOM**

- Elementary lunchroom space would increase by 30-50%
- Would allow elementary lunch to be served at a more reasonable time (current lunch starts being served at 10:40 am due to space limitations)

- **ENLARGED SECONDARY COMMONS AND MAIN ENTRY**

- Secondary commons/cafeteria would be expanded approximately 10 feet to the south
- Would positively impact serving of secondary breakfast and lunch
- Additional space for meetings, as well as foyer for all activities in the auditorium
- New entry to the high school to enhance aesthetics between the new auditorium and the existing high school gym

# Bus and Maintenance



- **BUS SHED**

- Replace existing, deteriorating facility with a steel building to house the following:
  - ✦ Mechanic's bay
  - ✦ Wash bay
  - ✦ Storage and office space
- As a steel building, could be expandable sometime in the future to include inside bus storage if so desired
- Would allow mechanical work on the buses to be done onsite
- Would be either located at its current site or attached to the CTE building

- **MAINTENANCE SHED**

- Steel building to house all district equipment and storage of materials/supplies
- Work area for maintenance department
- Would include open square footage, storage, and small office area
- Either a standalone facility or attached to the CTE

# Election Information



- Election on **Tuesday, February 7, 2017**
  - Polls open from 12:00 – 8:00 pm
  - Polling places:
    - ✦ New Virginia @ Lions Hall
    - ✦ St. Charles @ St. Charles Parish
    - ✦ Truro @ Truro Public Library
- Please contact Superintendent Kevin Fiene ([kfiene@i-35.k12.ia.us](mailto:kfiene@i-35.k12.ia.us)) for additional information