Enterprise City Schools Board of Education Board Members held a work session on Tuesday, July 30, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. in the conference room of the Board of Education Office. Present for the meeting were Greg Faught, Superintendent of Education; Danny Whitaker, Board President; Reid Clark, Board Vice-President; Bob Doerer, Rodrick Caldwell, and Marty Williams, Board Members; and Merrill Shirley, Board Attorney. There were also many members from the school system and community present for the work session.

During the work session, Mr. Faught and the board members discussed several facilities and capital projects. The first facility discussed was Carrol Street. Mr. Faught shared that Carrol Street is in disrepair. Mr. Faught has been contacted by a gentleman in the community who would like to assume responsibility of the building. However, due to the current shape of the building, it is most likely not even safe to give away. Possible demolition was discussed. Mr. Routley shared that there was asbestos in the building that would have to be removed even if the decision was made to demolish the building. Mr. Faught will look into estimates for removal of asbestos as well as demolition should the Board decide to move in that direction. Mr. Clark suggested meeting with the city officials as well as members of the Carrol Street community prior to a decision being made.

Roofing projects for Rucker Blvd. Elementary, Harrand Creek Elementary, and Dauphin Junior High were discussed next. Mr. Faught shared that it will cost approximately $400,000 to make the needed repairs at all three locations. The roof at Harrand Creek is thirty years old and needs to be completely replaced. The other two roofs will only need repairs.

The possibility of synthetic turf for the football field was discussed. The cost of replacing the current turf with synthetic turf will be between $800,000 and $900,000. Currently we are spending around $90,000 a year in order to maintain the football field. The field is in decline due to the amount of use it receives. Mr. Justin Hope stated that synthetic turf comes with a ten year warranty so the cost of synthetic turf versus the amount we are currently spending to maintain the field would be very similar.

Mr. Faught discussed the possibility of constructing a new baseball/softball complex on the campus of Enterprise High School. A few years ago, an estimate of $2.5 million was given as the cost to construct new fields. The current estimate to complete a new facility is $3.6 million. Because the baseball and softball teams currently play on City of Enterprise fields, there was discussion about assisting the city in renovations of their fields rather than constructing our
own. A primary concern of putting money into renovating the City fields, other than the fact they would not belong to Enterprise City Schools, is the ability to provide the needed security and safety for our students. Some of the advantages of having facilities on our own campus would be students would no longer have to travel across town for practices and games, junior high students could be bussed over to EHS for practices, the coaches could be much more involved in helping keep up the facilities, and we would be able to provide the needed security during practices and games.

Mr. Stewart reported there is currently $5.4 million in the Capital Projects Fund. After the current projects are completed, there will be a balance of $4.5 million. The roofing projects will leave us with approximately $4 million. The capital projects fund replenishes at $1.1 million per year.

Dr. Whitaker adjourned the work session.

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Mr. Greg Faught
Secretary, Enterprise City Board of Education