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White Lake board to air building proposal

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The White Lake board of education may inch closer toward a school building referendum Tuesday.

As crews from Stibbe Excavating continue work on demolition of the 1981 building that sits at the heart of the complex, the board may take action on a construction management and design contract with EDS Builders Inc. and engineer Doc Smith.

The meeting will begin at 6 p.m. in the school library.

Smith and EDS, a Twin Cities-based company, worked with the district on demolition of the 1918 building and have also prepared general drawings of a school addition that carries a price tag of \$3.58 million.

The addition, developed through a grass roots campaign, would include a central recreational center, similar to a commons, the exercise room that could be used as a community space, men's and women's locker rooms and restrooms, team locker rooms and an expansive new gymnasium with seating for 250.

There would also be a concession area and remodeling to the existing shop areas and locker rooms.

The existing gymnasium would remain for use by elementary classes and as a community area for dances and other activities.

District Administrator Bill Fisher said that the board hopes to have a time line and recommendations by the end of the month.

In a related matter, the board will be updated on the demolition of the 1918 school building, which started last Tuesday.

The actual demolition of the structure, originally the district's elementary school, has been completed, but cleanup work and related activities are expected to continue through the summer.

The remainder of the meeting will focus on more usual summertime business.

The board will act on an extension of its contract with Lamer's Bus Company, accept on a variety of personnel matters, include hiring several advisors and reducing hours for the school psychologist.

Following the open session, the board will reconvene in closed session to discuss 2011-12 staffing, support staff contract negotiations, non-union employee compensation and the principal's contract.

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