

To: The Board of Education  
From: Tom Bracciano  
Re: Change Order – Track SJHS - additional lanes  
Date: April 10, 2008  
Contact Person: Tom Bracciano ph# 330-1664

Background:

As part of the construction project at SJHS the existing track was scheduled to be removed widened and replaced. The track was being widened because it was only wide enough for 5 lanes. To hold a track meet, 6 lanes are required. The new track design had the 100 yard sprint straight away on the east side like the original track was. Because of the grade on the east side there was not enough room to install an eight lane straight away like the tracks at SWJHS and WJHS have. Therefore, the track was designed and bid with a six lane straight away.

When construction of the new track began there were problems with the soil on the south end of the east side of the track, where the “box” of the straight away extends from the oval of the track. The architect’s solution was to move the straight away to the west side of the track and the “box” to the northwest corner. With the redesign it appeared that two more lanes could be added to the west side to make an eight lane straight away. Curbing for the west side of the track had already been poured and the season was fast running out to make the decision on whether to add the two extra lanes.

The decision was made to ask for a price from the contractor in October of 2007 to add two lanes to the west side of the track at SJHS prior to the application of the synthetic rubber surfacing which cannot be applied until the temperature stays above fifty degrees for 48 hours at a time.

Bids and Specifications:

On October 19, 2007 Ferrell Construction supplied Lawrence Public Schools with a proposal to expand the west straight away of the track at SJHS to 8 lanes. Two options were presented. Option 1 leaves the curbing in place. Option 2 would remove the existing curb before adding the additional lanes.

The price for option 1 is \$62,795

The price for option 2 is \$64,912

Recommendation:

Option 2 makes the most sense from a structural standpoint and will provide the best final surface for the track. Therefore, the administration recommends that the Board of Education approve a change order with Ferrell Construction, to accept option 2 in the amount of \$64,912 to expand the west straight away of the track at SJHS to 8 lanes as specified.

Motion:

“I move that the Board of Education approve a change order with Ferrell Construction, to accept option 2 in the amount of \$64,912 to expand the west straight away of the track at SJHS to 8 lanes as specified.”

This work will be paid from 2005 bond construction contingency funds.