



Artificial Turf Field Committee Report

November 14, 2019

Agenda



- Committee purpose
- Impact to students and community members
- Physical Education/Athletic Field Facility
- Cost comparisons
- Next Steps for UUSD

Committee Purpose

With the 2017 Facility Master Plan Committee as a launching point:

- Ad hoc committee comprised of a variety of stakeholders formed as per request by Superintendent
- Tasked with reviewing UUSD and community needs regarding athletic fields
- Stakeholder survey conducted
- Explore possible solutions, including costs

Committee Members

- Ray Chadwick, Ukiah Host Lions Club President
- Mike McCulloch, Ukiah Host Lions Club Member
- Bea Arkin, UUSD Board Member
- Carolyn Barrett, UUSD Board Member
- Shane Huff, PE Instructor, Youth Soccer Coach
- Jake Burgess, City of Ukiah, Parks and Recreation Department
- Eduardo Hurtado, Assistant Principal, UHS
- Ty Yanez, Former Athletic Director, UHS
- Gabriel Sherman, Director of Maintenance, Operations and Transportation, UUSD
- Renee Houbart, Administrative Assistant, Fiscal Department, UUSD
- Penny Lauseng, Chief Business Official, UUSD

June 2019 Stakeholder Survey

- Key stakeholders surveyed concerning potential artificial turf field development options at UHS
- Two options considered:
 1. Renovate the existing stadium field (\$3 - \$4 million)
 2. Construct new facilities in the north field at UHS (\$6 - \$8 million)
- *8 survey responses received out of 18 surveys distributed; 87.5% of responses in favor of North Field construction*

Impact to UHS Students— Fields are Outdoor PE Classrooms

- Turf would improve field access for approximately 1200 students daily
- Weather and heavy usage create poor field condition, limiting year-round access and creating a safety issue
- Lack of field access cause the relocation of PE classes; limiting PE activities
- More opportunities for healthy activities year-round

Impact to Students-Athletes Fields are Practice Facilities/ Event Sites

- Poor field conditions limit practice and game events and are a safety concern
- Relocation of practice to blacktop/cafeteria increases risk of injury
- Loss of home games result in loss of study time, increased travel and increased transportation costs
- With artificial turf, UHS would be able to meet winter soccer league commitments; UHS is the only school in the NBL league without an artificial turf field causing some game relocation and increasing travel costs
- Opportunity to host NCS league and section playoffs

Impact to Community— Youth

- Year-round access to fields for soccer players in greater Ukiah area
- Possibility of providing a regulation artificial turf field which would attract teams from throughout northern California
- Poor field conditions as a result of weather create a safety issue and limit ability to host tournaments

Impact to Community-- Economic Impact

- Opportunity to host area tournaments and League/Section playoffs make games available for families/community members to attend
- Hosting teams will bring in players/families from outside the area; additional food/lodging/other benefits for local businesses
- Local families will have less travel/expense, more opportunities to attend games
- Facility use revenue received from Adult leagues

Two Options Considered

UHS Stadium (est. cost \$3-\$4M)

Pros

- Stadium becomes usable/playable year-round
- Football field will not deteriorate during the season
- Infrastructure already in place (lights, fences, bleachers, scoreboard, concessions, press box)

Cons

- Loss of grass football field
- Installation will disrupt track and/or football seasons

UHS North Field (est. cost \$6-\$8M)

Pros

- Soccer and football or track can occur simultaneously
- Stadium remains usable during construction
- Can accommodate two 9 v 9 games side by side
- Possibility of a NCAA regulation width soccer field

Cons

- Infrastructure costs
- Stadium use may still be limited due to weather and usage

Field Location

Committee
recommendation:

Artificial turf field be
located in the north field
of the UHS campus
adjacent to southern
baseball diamond



Basketball court

School Facility Funding Sources

State School Facility Bonds

AB 48 – March 2020 ballot – if passed, will fund match for UUSD modernization of existing schools. Artificial turf fields are not eligible.

Local General Obligation Bond

Passage of local bond is needed to fund this project

Developer Fees

UUSD is not currently collecting. Collection is based on anticipated student enrollment growth from local housing development.

Next Steps...



- Determine a funding source
- Recommend Board approve pursuit of a preliminary design plan set
 - CMAS procurement vendor may provide no cost design plan

Thank you

Questions?