

Radford City Public Schools

Athletic/Activity Facilities Review

Consultant...Gary Strickland, President

Hugh G. Strickland Construction Company, Winston-Salem, NC

Consultant...Ray Korn, Retired Athletic Director

Elizabeth High School, Elizabeth, NJ

Consultant (volunteer)...George Greer, Hitting Coach

New York Mets, New York, NY

Dr. Becky Greer, Superintendent

Robert Graham, Assistant Superintendent

Greg Wade, Athletic/Activity Director

Paul Hale, Maintenance Supervisor

Greg Payne, Principal, Radford High

Jeff Smith, Principal, Dalton Intermediate

Mike Brown, Asst. Principal, Radford High

Facility Tour held on November 2, 2011

Dr. Becky Greer, Superintendent of the Radford City Public Schools, convened a committee on November 2, 2011 to review the Athletic and Activity Facilities being used by the school division. Two impartial consultants were secured to review the facilities. Gary Strickland, President of the Hugh G. Strickland Construction Company in Winston-Salem, North Carolina is a second generation President of the company that specializes in the construction of athletic and school facilities. Among the company's projects are the Spry Soccer Stadium at Wake Forest University and the athletic facilities at Ronald Reagan High School in Pfafftown, North Carolina.

Ray Korn, the recently retired Athletic Director of Elizabeth High School in Elizabeth, New Jersey also served as a consultant. Coach Korn served as the Athletic Director for 25 years. Elizabeth High School has 6,000 students and 166 athletic teams.

George Greer, current International Hitting Coach with the New York Mets served as a volunteer consultant. Coach Greer has served as Head Baseball Coach at Wake Forest University, Head Baseball Coach and Assistant Athletic Director at Davidson College and Athletic Director at the University of Connecticut – Avery Point.

On the day of the review, Greg Wade, Athletic/ Activity Director, Paul Hale, Maintenance Supervisor, Greg Payne, Radford High School Principal, Jeff Smith, Dalton Intermediate School Principal, Mike Brown, Assistant Principal at Radford High School, and Robert Graham, Assistant Superintendent visited each facility site with Superintendent Dr. Becky Greer and the consultants.

The following document was produced as a result of the visit to the facilities, follow-up research and consultations. Dr. Greer wishes to express her most sincere appreciation to the members of this committee.

The school division will seek private and corporate donations for the athletic and activity facility improvements. Many corporations match charitable donations made by their employees to 501 (c) 3 non-profit organizations. "Naming opportunities" are available to honor or memorialize family members, friends or colleagues. Estate planning consultation is also available. For more information, please call the School Administration Office at 540-731-3647. The school division will be most appreciative of any donations to these projects.

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Athletic/Activity Facility Upgrades

Estimated Costs

Project #1: Main Gymnasium

1. Main floor goals need to be replaced with same configuration used for new structure. Save existing glass backboards and rims and/or put them on side baskets that have wooden backboards. (Wooden backboards could be sold at auction.)

\$ 30,000.00

2. Bleachers are in good condition and appear to move into position and back without any problem. Using a lacquer such as Cabot water seal would put back the original color and enhance their appearance. Installing new bleachers which provide aisles and handrails for safety is recommended at some point in the future. At this time, refinishing and installing handrails for safety is recommended.

(New bleachers estimated at
\$ 98,000.00)

3. Repainting gymnasium in a school combined color is suggested to update the facility.

\$ 6,000.00

4. New doors leading in and out from either end of the gymnasium are recommended for security and fire safety.

\$ 39,000.00

5. Lobby remodeling to fit the needs of the district is suggested. Enlarging the lobby will give additional room for trophies and create a visually impressive entrance to the facility. (Naming opportunity)

\$ 85,600.00

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Estimated Costs

Continued-Project #1: Main Gymnasium

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| 6. Locker rooms and restrooms are in need of remodeling with new windows, better ventilation and updated lockers. Painting these areas in school colors with school logos will improve this part of the facility. <i><u>(Naming opportunity)</u></i> | \$40,000.00 |
| 7. Repair lower entrance to locker rooms. Replace the door, window, and entrance cover. <i><u>(Naming opportunity)</u></i> | \$ 7,500.00 |
| 8. Air conditioning the gymnasium....Do not know at this time if the duct work system currently in existence can handle this change. | Not estimated at this time |

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Estimated Costs

Project #2: Football/Soccer/Track/Band Stadium

1. Seating: Concrete seating is safe and secure. Suggestions: Power washing, filling in cracks and washing front of bleachers. Concrete front can be repainted in school colors. Aluminum bleachers in good shape. Thin brick (or split-face block) could be applied to the concrete walls to enhance the over-all appearance of the entire stadium. \$ 14,000.00 (thin brick)

2. New Scoreboard: Suggest going from light bulb configuration to digital. (Naming opportunity) \$ 15,000.00

3. End Zone Clocks... \$ 5,000.00

4. Football/Soccer/Track/Band Field playing condition: Crown is uneven, holes in surface and flat areas near player benches lead to poor drainage. Recommendation is for Field Turf (synthetic) for long term or the installation of Athletic Turf (grass) with an upgrade in drainage and re-crowning of field. (grading, drainage, and artificial turf)
\$892,500.00

5. Lighting is quite adequate. No need to improve at this time. N/A

6. Painting of concession stand. \$ 3,000.00

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**Continued – Project #2:
Football/Soccer/Track/Band Stadium**

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| 7. Public Restrooms: Paint in school colors and perhaps BobCat theme. Replace cracked sinks and commodes...stain concrete. Replace stalls and stall doors. | \$ 6,000.00 |
| 8. Track: No action should be taken at this time. Track in good condition with an estimated life of 3-5 years. | N/A |
| 9. Repair leaks to the concrete Press Box Roof. | \$ 5,000.00 |
| 10. Give attention to landscaping to enhance the attractiveness of the stadium. Develop a landscaping plan. | \$10,000.00 |
| 11. Line the parking lots. This will increase the number of vehicles the lots will accommodate and cut down on parking lot bump-ups. | Request City Assistance |

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Project #3: Baseball Field near City Recreation Center

1. **Field is City owned and leased to the Radford High School Foundation. Field is in good shape. Suggest that district give some financial help in order to install lighting on field.**

(School division contribution)

\$15,000.00

(The Radford High School Foundation plans additional improvements including bleachers and concession stand.)

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Project #4: Softball Field at Bisset Park

1. Field is City owned and in good condition for play and fan enjoyment.

N/A

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Project #5: Tennis Courts

Existing courts on campus do not meet standards set by this extremely successful program at Radford High School. Bring the tennis facility up to the high standards set by this program.

(Naming opportunity)

\$180,000.00

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Project #6: Auditorium Foyer

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| 1. Replace existing doors with doors that have panic bars for safety. | \$18,000.00 |
| 2. Remove existing carpet. It is worn and has wrinkles which are a trip hazard. Replace with new carpet or another floor covering that would be appropriate in a high traffic public use area. | \$ 6,000.00 |

Project #7: BobCat Bistro or Cafeteria for Public Use

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| 1. Install an awning or build a covered entrance to designate the entrance to the cafeteria from the public parking lot. There is currently no designation of the entrance for the public. | \$10,000.00 |
| 2. Cafeteria restrooms...place signs on the restroom doors to designate men and women. | Complete |
| 3. Paint the restrooms in the cafeteria so that they are more aesthetically inviting. | \$ 1,200.00 |
| 4. Determine a location and install raised beds, flower garden, and a greenhouse for a "Farm to Table" type program. | \$ 9,000.00 |
| 5. Determine a location and install a windmill for the study of wind power. Could also be a possibility for heating the greenhouse. | \$40,000.00 |

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Highlighting a Special Project: The Arnheim House

The Arnheim House is the former residence and medical office of Dr. John Blair Radford for whom the City of Radford is named. It is located to the east side of Radford High School. In 2002, the Radford City Public Schools donated the house to the Radford Heritage Foundation. In The Radford City Public Schools, it is the goal to emphasize the importance of the preservation of this Radford landmark. The house was built in 1838 with hand-made brick and is already in the National Register of Historic Places. A structural evaluation performed in 2011 shows that the house is structurally sound.