

BARNWELL COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

COMMUNITY INFORMATION MEETING

JUNE 11, 2024

FACILITY PLAN OVERVIEW

SAVANNAH RIVER SITE SETTLEMENT FUNDS

\$105 million in Savannah River Site Settlement Funding outlined in the Appropriations Act signed by Governor Henry McMaster - Construction of Consolidated High School and Career Center

From the beginning, the Board has been tasked with creating a transition plan to have one consolidated high school and career center.

OTHER FUNDING

\$10 million from grant funding for the career center – was written for programming and/or renovations

Superintendent Ellen Weaver, at the most recent board work session, committed \$5 million dollars to the high school/career center project.

FACILITY PLAN – PHASE I

Phase I – Completion of an In-depth Facility Study

Work on Phase I began August 2, 2023, immediately as the Transition Board began their work toward consolidation of Barnwell County Consolidated School District, Barnwell School District 45, and Barnwell County Career Center.

Throughout the Fall of 2023, the board was updated by M.B. Kahn and SSOE regarding the facility study being thoroughly conducted.

FACILITY PLAN – PHASE I

During Phase I, final approval was awarded for the FEMA Gym/Safe Room from the Federal Government.

Working with Barnwell County Emergency Management and SC Emergency Management on this project, the Safe Room was planned and designed to host emergency personnel for life-safety purposes, including evacuees, and provide protection for county residents during severe weather. (countywide) The Safe Room had a dual purpose to be used as a new gymnasium. (school district)

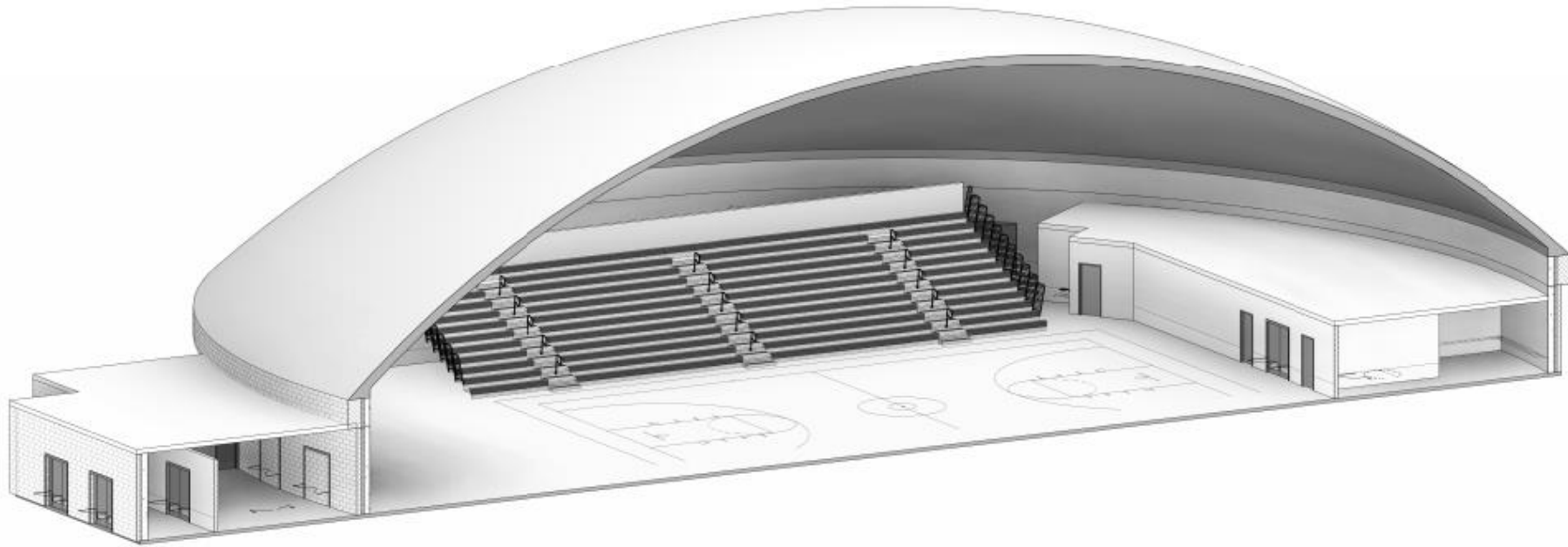
FEMA SAFEHOUSE AND GYMNASIUM UPDATE

Total Funding for both Phases of Project:

Total Project Cost - \$10,806,513.64

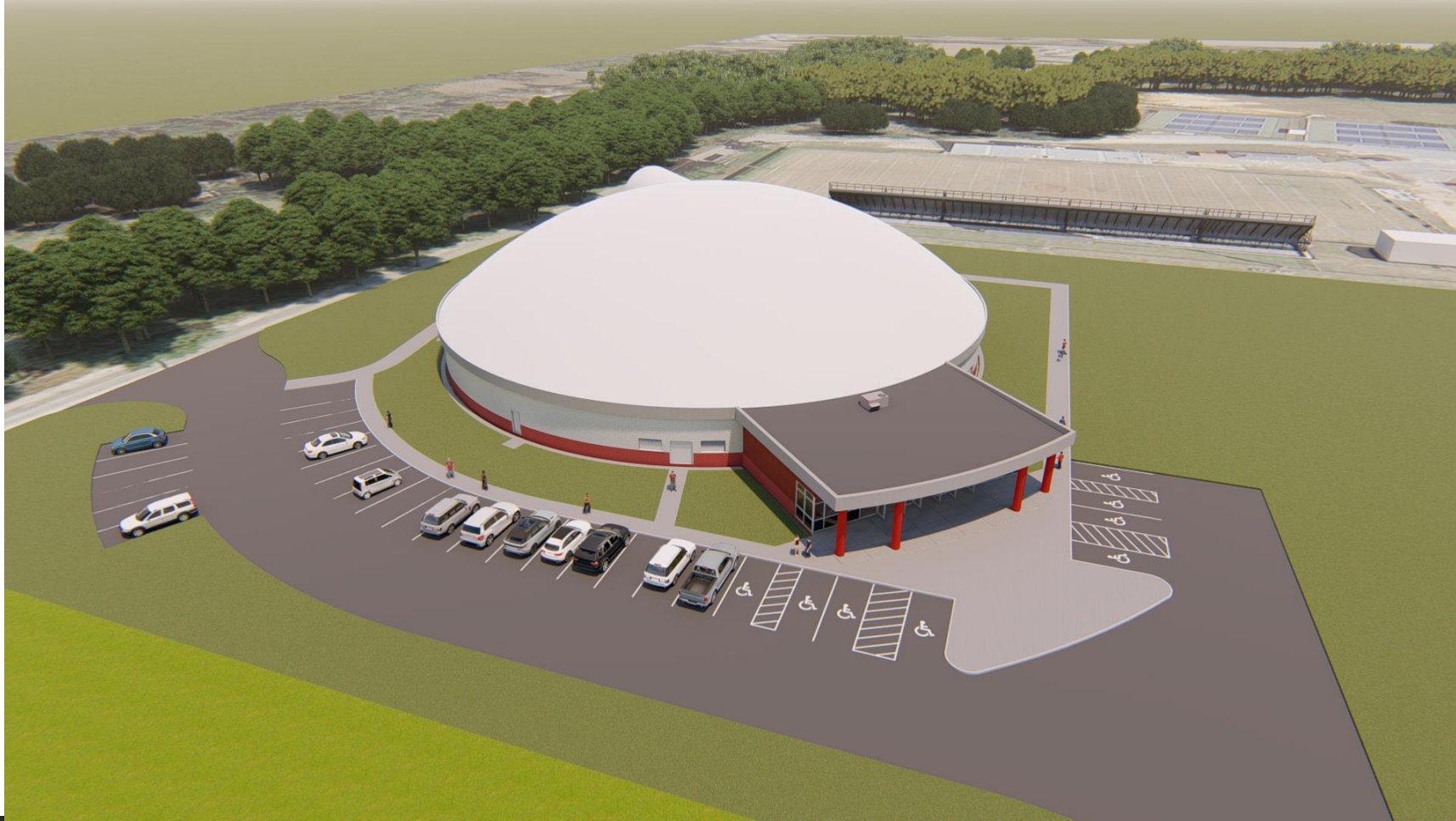
Federal Share of \$8,104,885.23 and Local Share of
\$2,701,628.41

Our 2-year extension request was granted and the
POP will end November 9, 2025.



1 BUILDING SECTION ISO
A-301 SCALE

What does a monolithic dome look like?



Schematic Design of the Gymnasium/Safe Room

FACILITY PLAN – PHASE I

November 2023:

Board addressed rumors about facilities for the new district but reiterated that there have been no decisions made regarding facilities at this time. Any facility decisions would be made by the Board of Trustees as a collective group during a board meeting that is appropriately advertised.

FACILITY PLAN – PHASE I

Key Takeaways from the Facility Study in Fall 2023:

1. There was work needed across the schools within the county to make updates, renovations, etc.
2. There was more work needed than funding available, and the Board would need to prioritize the greatest needs.
3. In meetings with the state representatives and in reviewing the legislation, the funding from the Appropriations Acts was earmarked for specific projects.

FACILITY PLAN – PHASE II

Steps for Phase II of the Facility Plan were approved at the January 2024 Board meeting.

Phase II – Approval of Facility Plan for Barnwell County School District

1. Release a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for Architectural/Engineering Services and a Request for Proposals (RFP) for Construction Management At-Risk Services with a deadline for receiving proposal responses within two weeks.
2. A district committee will conduct the bid opening and narrow down proposals to “shortlist of firms” for interviews. The board members will choose from these firms in securing services.

FACILITY PLAN – PHASE II

Phase II – Approval of Facility Plan for Barnwell County School District

3. Once selected, the district board and leadership will work with the chosen firms to develop specific plans and a timeline for a new career center and consolidated high school. The district will seek community input with this plan.
4. A plan will also be developed for renovating a K-8 space in both Williston and Blackville.

FORMATION OF HISTORIC COMMITTEES

- We currently have a chair for each board-appointed committee.
 - Barnwell High School – Ms. Kelly Shealy
 - Blackville-Hilda High School – Dr. Andy Sandifer
 - Williston-Elko High School – Mr. Ronnie Brown
 - Barnwell County High School – Mr. Mike Beasley
- Purpose of School Committees: to archive the history of each high school, collect memorabilia that will be archived and kept for display in a museum or the new high school in the future, help consider ways to honor the legacy of the schools, etc.

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- Purpose of Barnwell County High School Committee: to consider options for a new high school logo, colors, and mascot, as well as help consider ways to honor the legacy of the current high schools within a new school, etc.

ENROLLMENT TOTALS

High School	Enrollment
Barnwell High School	574
Blackville-Hilda High School	154
Williston-Elko High School	190
Total Projected Enrollment for a Barnwell County High School	918

TAKEAWAYS FROM FACILITY WORK SESSION WITH SSOE AND H.G. REYNOLDS

Work Session Presentation: May 23, 2024

- The architect/engineer and construction management at risk services team were thorough in the information they provided the Board of Trustees. (Scope of Work for Phase II)
- We were grateful that Senator Hutto and Representative Hosey were able to join us and provide their input and support with the plans moving forward.
- The Board's next step was to have an informational meeting for the community to hear the same information.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Discussion of employment, appointment, compensation, promotion, demotion, discipline, or release of an employee, a student, or a person regulated by a public body or the appointment of a person to a public body.

Employment of Employee A, B, C, and D

Any action as required by Executive Session discussion.