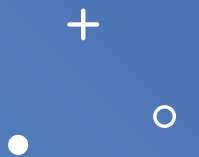




Davis School District Swim Program Study

November 19, 2024



Historical Plan

- District capital plan anticipated setting aside \$20 million of fund balance from FY24-26. \$6-7million per city.
 - Plan was to help cities rebuild/expand existing pools
 - Funding contributions to cities would provide adequate lanes for swim team practice and competitions
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- Conversations have revealed that cities are 5+ years from any remodeling/additions to their pools.
 - Cities would likely need more than our set aside and have expressed a desire for ongoing support.

Where are we today?

- 3 city pools
 - South Davis
 - Surf and Swim
 - Clearfield Aquatics
- Currently paying \$5 per student for Farmington Students to swim at South Davis.

Swim Team Considerations

- Current Challenges
 - Time in Pool
 - All other Rec Center activities take priority
 - Limited time allowed for meets or we incur a monetary penalty
 - Limited practice time and overcrowding of lanes during practice
 - Inability to separate swimmers by ability level
 - Sharing facilities with patrons/recreational swimmers
 - Shared locker rooms/lack of team locker rooms
 - No storage space for team equipment/gear
 - Patron statements at board meeting asking for assistance

Investigation

- Visited with cities about timelines for their pool's expansion.
- Visited several pools to gather information (both 25 and 50-meter)
 - Wasatch front
 - St. George
 - Dallas & San Antonio School Districts
- Topics of discussion:
 - Pool size
 - Flexibility
 - Rentals
 - Costs
 - Pool usage (second grade lessons, community)

Investigation

- Visited with Ogden School District on Operational Costs
 - Ogden High and Ben Lomond 25-yard pools
- Layton City
 - Potential use of land at Ellison Park
 - City use of pool
 - Preliminary MOU discussions
- Visioning meeting
 - District athletic director
 - High school swim coaches
 - Architect and engineers
 - District Admin

4 Potential Options

1. District does not build a pool and continues working with cities on existing facilities.
2. Build a 25-yard pool.
3. Build a 50-meter pool where all high school teams could practice and host meets.
4. Build a 50-meter pool with a warm-up/lesson pool:

Option #1 Considerations

- District does not build a pool and continues working with cities on existing facilities
 - Continue dealing with current challenges
 - Future priorities of cities overshadowing high school teams
 - Davis School District swim athletes not having their own facilities as other District athletic teams
 - District avoids large capital investment including possible new debt
 - No annual budget funds needed of \$500,000 to over \$1 million

Option #2 Considerations

- Build a 25-yard pool
 - Primarily serves the central/north end of the district
 - Provides enough lane space for 2 medium sized high school teams or 3 small high school teams with creative scheduling
 - Provides additional options for holding meets throughout the district
 - Limited additional use (i.e. swim lessons, swim club, lifeguard training)
 - Pool will focus on competition OR cater to swim lessons but can't do both effectively (pool depth)
 - Smaller capital investment
 - Smaller annual costs

Option #3 Considerations

- **Build a 50-meter pool where all high school teams could practice and host meets.**
 - Provides necessary lane space for all high schools
 - High school meets can be run simultaneously to practices
 - Provides space for a potential district swim club
 - Requires a shallow “slow” end of the pool be built for swim lessons
 - Swim lesson would be held in the colder, competition designed pool
 - Will draw large competitions for pool rental if there is a competition focus
 - Potential to provide academic benefits
 - Large capital Investment
 - Significant annual costs

Option #4 Considerations

- **Build a 50-meter pool with a warm-up pool for lessons and large competitions (District and rentals).**
 - Creates a fast pool for competitive swimmers
 - Provides enough lane space for all high schools
 - Provides lane space for a swim club
 - Draws large swim competitions for rental purposes during club swim season
 - Provides an area for academic benefits
 - Provides space for swim lessons in a more appropriate pool
 - Largest capital investment
 - Largest need for annual costs

Building Costs

- 25 Meter by 25 Yard pool
 - \$30-35 million
- 50 meter – no warm-up/lesson pool
 - \$37-45 million
- 50 meter with warm-up lessons pool
 - \$43-51 million

Ongoing Cost

- Most Districts consider pool just another facility and do not track costs separately.
- Ogden school district 25-yard pools \$400,000 to \$550,000 annual costs:
 - Supplies/Maintenance
 - Lifeguards
 - Pool management and facility managers
- 50-meter pool is estimated to cost \$900K to \$1million per year to operate.
- Current 50-meter pool rentals average \$400 per hour. For a 2-day meet, revenues would be approximately \$8,000.
Admissions another revenue source

Funding Considerations

- Utilize capital and general fund reserves
 - Fundraising (assist in offsetting some cost)
- Local building authority bond (no election)
- General obligation bond (ballot on November election)