



WEST LIBERTY SCHOOL DISTRICT RECEIVES \$50,000 GIFT AT PRESS CONFERENCE TO UNVEIL ATHLETIC COMPLEX

School district officials to update the community on new athletic complex

WEST LIBERTY, IA – On Tuesday, March 29th at 6:30pm the West Liberty Community School District hosted a press conference in the high school auditorium. Over 100 community members came out to hear details on school district strategy and plans for the new athletic complex. The event kicked off with music from a high school band group, and both Superintendent, Shaun Kruger, and Activities Director, Adam Loria, spoke about construction plans and funding for the project. At the end of the program the superintendent announced a \$50,000 gift from Larry and Gloria Dlouhy of Bettendorf, IA to kickstart fundraising.

“We are honored to announce a gift of \$50,000 from the Dlouhy family,” said Kruger. “As superintendent of the district, I want to personally thank them for this generous contribution and their support.”

Gloria Dlouhy is a 1966 graduate of West Liberty high school and was raised on a farm south of Atalissa. Gloria and Larry have several nieces and nephews in the district and their daughter Lisa and her husband, Jason Wertzbaugher, also have three children in the district.

Shaun Kruger read a statement from the Dlouhys to the crowded auditorium, which read in part,

“We had four kids that received an excellent public-school education. We didn’t have much when we started our business, but we could give them that for free. We believe Iowa’s public schools set our state apart and that kids who participate in extra-curricular activities do better in school and are more prepared for life after high school. We are impressed by the West Liberty administration and humbled to support this project.”

Adam Loria is leading the athletic complex project with a committee of volunteers including a construction advisory group made up of West Liberty residents with years of experience owning businesses and working in the construction industry.

“This project is complex, but has an excellent committee of volunteers supporting it,” said Loria. “The superintendent and I have invited individuals with a variety of expertise and backgrounds to advise us on construction, marketing, and fundraising.”

The press conference wrapped up with Q&A, which lasted for over 30 minutes. Many community members asked questions and expressed support for the project. The superintendent committed to regular updates for the public as the project progresses.

“The press conference was a huge success,” said Kruger. “I look forward to breaking ground on our new facilities and continuing to build support in the community with frequent and transparent communication.”

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