



**DG Market Grand Opening** - A new Dollar General Market recently opened for business in Arcola on Route 133. The DG Market is a response to help combat “food deserts” by filling a need for grocers in underserved areas. The store will carry the same products found at a regular Dollar General store but will be larger and have a selection of fresh produce, meat and dairy products. The Arcola DG Market is the first in a surrounding four-county area. Pictured in the grand opening photo taken on Monday, Aug. 21, are, (l-r): Bill Wagoner, Dawn Ard, Miss Arcola Jade Garza, Arcola Mayor Jesus Garza, DG Market store manager, Nicci Pinnell, assistant manager, Maddie Snyder, district manager, Angie Wells, Hannah Myers and Dale Boyer. The recently opened store will have 14 employees when it is fully staffed. During the initial opening this past weekend the store experienced sales that were four times the normal amount for weekend sales in Arcola. *Photo by Nancy Raiden.*

**School Board**

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Joseph Schuit of Byrne & Jones Sports Construction made the presentation. The St. Louis company has completed more than 600 track projects and 500 athletic fields since it was founded in 1976.

The discussion focused on the lower-priced options and whether bidding with help from an architect would be necessary. Some schools bypass the bidding process opting instead to use a purchasing co-op.

Superintendent Dr. Tom Mulligan said he's heard conflicting legal opinions about using purchasing co-ops and that he's generally in favor of drawing up bid specifications and seeking bids. However, track resurfacing is such a specialized field, he said, that he thinks the district would be off using a co-op, in which Byrne & Jones participates.

The current track has a latex surface. Schuit said that was typical of older tracks but that the trend now is to use a polyurethane surface. The life

expectancy is longer and it does not have to be resurfaced as often.

The basic proposal for \$245,000 would be removing the existing surface down to the asphalt and installing the new surface. The price does not include stenciling or putting the school logo on the track. The track would be guaranteed for three years.

The second option would be to mill the old asphalt down 2 inches and rebuilding the subsurface. Schuit said he thinks the current track is in good enough shape that this option, which would add \$251,000 to the price, isn't necessary. He said there are no apparent cracks that would indicate that the substructure needs replaced.

"I think it should hold up," he said. "I'll leave it up to you guys, but I wouldn't say it's necessary."

Another option would be

to enlarge the track to eight lanes. Mulligan said he thinks the Board is shying away from that option.

Nick Lindsey, high school principal and athletic director, said eight lanes would allow the school to host sectional track meets, but doing so would require the track to be elongated, which would require the jump area (high jump, long jump, triple jump) to be relocated.

Adding the extra lanes would add another \$688,000 plus another \$117,000 to add a new high jump and sand pits.

Lindsey added that longer tracks are slower tracks.

A synthetic turf football field would cost an additional \$1.2 million not including specialized equipment needed to maintain it.

The Board spent virtually no time discussing that option.

Prior to the building committee meeting where the

track was discussed, the Board met with the Arcola City Council to discuss the possibility of adding a school resource officer (SRO). The position would be a trained police officer.

Mulligan said some schools are using safety officers, which provide security only. An SRO

typically interacts with students and provides some education, such as drug and alcohol classes.

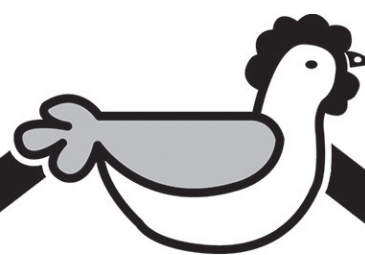
Mulligan said the school would likely pay the officer's salary for the time spent at the school while the city would pay for time away from the school.

He said the city seemed interested in pursuing the idea.

One problem, he said, is finding police officers. The city has recently increased wages for officers and expanded the residency requirement in SB effort to recruit and retain officers.

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