

August 30, 2016 -----PE/Athletics Subcommittee

Present: David Johnson Jr., Geoff Godo, Matt Cook, Krista Chase, Blair Kopp, David Hammond, John Hodge, David Johnson Sr., Brad Smith, Chris Shaw, Rob Hollenbach, Angela Twitchell

-Chairman David Johnson, Jr. explained his decision to resign as committee Chair, effective immediately, and return to his previous co-Chair position. He took over when Todd Sampson departed the district and was proud to assume the role. Committee members thanked him for his service.

-Mr. Johnson then explained that he believed the face of the committee needed to be someone fully invested in Athletics. He made a motion to nominate Geoff Godo as the new committee chair. Motion was seconded by Mr. Hodge. Mr. Godo assumed control of the committee and the meeting.

-Focus of the meeting was on prioritizing the items on the "Unfunded" list that was previously compiled to determine which items would be presented to the building committee to be proposed as part of the local share vs. the items that would be set aside for fundraising efforts.

-The committee asked for some general feedback and discussion from Mr. Hollenbach and Ms. Twitchell to discuss how much money could be raised and how quickly it may or may not come.

-Mr. Godo first proposed to identify which items would be local share items and which would be fundraised items. Once that exercise was completed, the group would then prioritize from #1-#10 the order of the items included in the local share.

-Since the added gymnasium has already been supported by the Board, that particular item was deemed to be a local share item.

-Additional parking space was deemed a priority because it serves the buildings and the campus as a whole. Mr. Hammond expressed concern that there was not enough parking in the northern part of the athletic campus, out near the proposed baseball field and multi-purpose fields. Mr. Keck pointed out the parking that would be part of that aspect of the project and parking at the tennis courts, Buildings & Grounds and the Middle School should be able to withstand the need. Mr. Keck also explained that the additional parking would add over 100 more spaces to park on the campus.

-Mr. Hodge initially suggested that the turf field be set aside as part of the discussion given its high price point, and if it was, it may be more likely that the other items on the list could all be added to the local share given the expected tax impact.

-Mr. Cook re-emphasized the overall need for the turf field in terms of the educational impact, financial opportunities and also securing large state and regional events. He suggested that the MPA and other sports governing bodies are now focusing in on securing turf field sites for major championships, so without a turf field, it would be unlikely that we would be given the opportunity to host. He also expressed to the group that bypassing an opportunity to include the turf as part of the local share would be a mistake given the uniqueness of this project. If we can't get the turf now, who knows how long it may take us to get the funding for it, if ever?

-The group engaged in some discussion on the overall tax impact of including all of the Athletic items from the list. The discussion then even stretched to include all of the items on all three lists (PE/Athletics,

Academic, and Energy/Conservation). Many members believe that the overall tax increase (\$4.2 - \$5.8 per million borrowed) is so low that we should consider including everything on the unfunded list.

-Discussion branched out to the cost estimate to move some proposed salvageable buildings on the site to temporary locations on campus and then to their final spot post-construction. Mr. Shaw said he received an estimated cost of \$44,000 to move the suggested out buildings. Mr. Keck was asked to check with the state DOE to see if they would pay for any of that cost.

-There was also discussion and questions regarding how specific the language on funding needs to be at referendum. Mr. Shaw brought up the idea of a potential 1:1 match between funds raised and the School Board and whether or not that might be entertained.

-It was determined that the baseball dugouts could be moved and put into place on the new field

-Mr. Godo brought up a concern that adding only 500 additional seats as part of the new bleacher and press box area would not be sufficient enough to hold a major state or regional event. He will reach out to other area schools to see what their bleacher capacity is - Hampden, Yarmouth, Morse, Massabesic (state championship hosting sites). Discussion also centered around the seating needs for outdoor graduation, given the number of graduates and the ticket allotments. The committee decided to recommend that an additional 500 seats be added to that line item (1000 seats) with an additional estimated cost of \$35,000.

-Mr. Johnson suggested that a sprinkler system on the Main Field would be sufficient and the proposed line item of sprinklers could be reduced. Mr. Keck pointed out that the Main Field is larger than other grass fields and likely the cost of the sprinkler system would be more than the \$18,000 suggested on the document. It was more likely to be closer to \$25,000 for the sprinkler system, which would still lower the cost of that line item by \$47,000.

-Mr. Cook asked that a ropes course within the accessory gymnasium be added to the list, as this is becoming more popular as a means of physical education within schools. The course and its estimated cost of \$15,000 was added.

-The committee decided not to discard any items on the list, but rather prioritize them in the following order for the building committee.

- 1) Additional Gymnasium Space \$1,536,000
- 2) Additional Parking \$500,000 - \$600,000
- 3) Concessions / Toilets \$180,000
- 4) Competition Field Scoreboard \$40,000
- 5) Synthetic Turf Competition Field \$736,000
- 6) New Bleachers w/ Press Box \$135,000 (Increased to 1,000 seats + Press Box)
- 7) Field Sprinkler System \$25,000 (Decreased due to need for only Competition Field)
- 8) Baseball Field Scoreboard \$30,000
- 9) Baseball Field Dugouts \$50,000
- 10) Indoor Ropes Course \$15,000 (Added for P.E. in Accessory Gym)
- 11) Second Scoreboard in Accessory Gym \$15,000

-Mr. Keck then shared an update on the current status of the building design with the committee. Mr. Godo and Mr. Johnson asked questions about possibly moving items in the design to better meet certain needs - Trainer's Room, Concession Stand, Laundry Room, Uniform Storage.

-A question was also asked about the status of a "Demo Kitchen" in the plan. Given its proximity to the concession stand, questions were asked about whether that may be able to be used in conjunction with the Concession Stand. Mr. Keck said that this area was likely moved in the most updated plan, but that it was not designed with a commercial ventilation system in it.

-Mr. Johnson and Mr. Godo would be meeting to discuss locker room layout and specifics with Mr. Keck on Wednesday.

-Mr. Keck also shared with the group plans to protect and maintain a portion of the track for the duration of the building project for practice use. In addition to an arc segment of the track on the north end, it is believed that the long jump and triple jump pits, pole vault area, shot put area and approximately 60-70 total yards of straightaway (leading into the jumping pit) would be untouched and could be used for practice. There also appears to be an area to build a temporary high jump station right next to the shot put area. The entire practice area would be blocked off with fencing and paths would be created to lead the athletes to the area without putting them in harm's way.

-Next meeting: Thursday, October 6th @ 5:00 PM in Staff Development Room