

Minutes of the Board of Education Special JOINT MEETING - Resource Management & Business Operations Committee & Parks & Recreation Commission held on June 22, 2016, in Board of Education Conf. Room E.

Attendance: None.

Administrative Attendance: C. Carver

N. Hoffman, Chairman, called the JOINT MEETING to order at 7:00 PM.

Board Members Present: Attendance Taken at 7:00 PM:

Present Board Members:

Mr. Scott Clayton

Mr. Bill Foster

Mr. Nicholas Hoffman

Mrs. Kristen Lacey

Mr. Larry Craybas, Ex. Officio

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1. Turf Field & Feasibility Study

- 3 weeks ago meeting with company conducting the study
 - gathering all relevant data
 - looked at multiple sites
 - will provide cost proposals

- Next turf committee meeting at two weeks out and will receive above info.
- AD discussed how we are the only school in South Western Conference (SWC) that does not have a turf field
 - BPS at a disadvantage relative to practices, emulating game conditions and hosting games.
- Second field is relevant to support not just HS sports but also youth sports.

- Discussion about turf fields not just used for sports, but also bands.
- Possible Turf location discussed
 - Middle School Fields (group fields)
 - Rockwell
 - Stadium
- Products being considered organic or encapsulated (not crumb rubber)
- Timeline - TBD, but interest from Park and Rec. to bring locker room, lights at men's softball field, Rockwell playground along with other recreation improvements (not a complete list) and turf field to bundled referendum "this fall" (before end of the year). "Referendum to improve recreation"

- Many questions around how recreation and school referendums will be staggered. School referendum likely this spring given June 2017 deadlines.
- If only stadium field turf maybe able to be a capital improvement project. Need to confirm.

Discussed a special expenditure fund for Park and Rec. - especially to maintain and sustain over the years.

Next Steps:

- Next turf field committee meeting in 2 weeks.
- Options and costs to be shared with committee and Park and Rec. and Board of Education's Resource Management and Business Operations committee (RMBO).
- Recommendation another joint planning meeting to discuss findings and recommendations.

2. Audience Participation

Jen Ackerman, 4 Walnut Hill Rd., supports plans, and suggests reaching out to the youth organizations.

Courtney Martin, 10 Woodlawn Drive, discussed Park and Rec's importance to the town and people buying real estate, just like schools are important.

3. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 8:12 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Kristen Lacey
Recorder