

Approved Minutes
TOWN OF GUILFORD
Guilford High School Building Committee
Minutes – February 9, 2016

1. Call meeting to order A regular meeting of the Guilford High School Building Committee was held on Tuesday, February 9, 2016 and called to order at 7:00 p.m. in Guilford High School with Chairman Scott Pinckney presiding.

Present: Mary Beeman, Guido Petra, Scott Orenstein, Bob Jacob, Barbara Casey
Bill Mulligan, Todd Williams, Scott Pinckney, Margaret Molnar-Ryan

Also Present: Dan Hetzler, Fusco O&G
Dr. Paul Freeman
Lawrence Rosati, Morganti

Mr. Pinckney asked all speakers that wish to speak to the turf field limit their comments to 3 mins. The Public comment session will be a total of 45 minutes.

2. Public Comment Roberta Siebert 155 White Birch Drive, A reside for 35 years in Guilford. She stated that she has a degree in Public Health. She would like the committee to do the best for the children. Children and toxins don't mix. She feels that synthetic turf and pesticides can cause harm. She would like the committee to consider not putting in a turf field.

Seth Lyman, resident stated that a crumb rubber field gives pause. Communities across the country have increased cancer rates which has caused further investigation into the exposure to crumb rubber. He has a PHD in chemical engineering. Toxic metals and carcinogens are used in tires not for kids. Does not want his family exposed to this turf field. Asking for an alternative product be used.

Paul Lenois, 682 New England Rd, he knew about the turf field in May. He feels the artificial turf field would not have been approved if it was included in the original plan. The entire credit line does not have to be spent for the new high school. Finish the school to the original specs. Synthetic fields do not save money per the standing fields committee. Mount Sinai Hospital stated in their latest reports that these fields are not safe. No study can assure safety in these fields. If there are safe alternatives, they should be chosen. Revert back to the natural sod field until a study can state they are safe.

Mary Louise Gross, 121 Trailwood Drive, she appreciates the research of these studies. While exposure to the fields does create an elevated health risk, it has not been proven that it will not cause cancer. There is not enough research. Reports have stated that most of the studies have downplayed the presence of carcinogens in crumb rubber. There is a level of risk that goes with these fields. When there is doubt, it is prudent to err on the side of caution. She asked the committee to consider the health and welfare of children.

Carlin Kristopherson, 6 Chasse Drive. He is a proponent of natural grass fields. Tire manufactures use carcinogens to allow for the tremendous stress on the tire. Not for use in fields. The risk of exposure is under dispute. The EPA states that reprocessed tires are not safe for use in crumb rubber. The cost to install a turf field is much more costly than a natural grass field according to the standing fields committee. Recurring ten year costs are estimated at \$300,000.

Dr. Jerry Siebert, 155 White Birch Drive, thanked the committee for the work they have put in for getting this school built. He stated that the bad news is that none of the studies done today can assure the safety of crumb rubber. All studies deal with exposure levels. Children are exposed to these chemicals all at once which can be much more toxic. Studies done are not accurate because they do not take into account children rolling or sliding onto these fields. They do air tests which are not

accurate. There are natural turf fields that can cost as much as synthetic turf fields. He presented hand-outs for the committee

Richard Gross, 121 Trailwood Drive Concerned resident of children and grandchildren who will play on these fields. He has worked for the EPA and center for disease control. He is asking the committee to consider organic field products as opposed to crumb rubber. Our town has a legal and moral obligation to not intentionally expose children to carcinogenic substances when alternative substances exist. It is never too late to correct a decision. Many school districts are making the correct public health choice. City of Hartford banned using crumb rubber on their turf fields. This new high school has the best eco-friendly materials for the benefit of the students. Do the same for the athletes.

Margo White, 683 Richies Way, stated her child has fallen on the crumb rubber and got some of the crumb rubber in his mouth making him vomit. There are many carcinogens in the material used for turf fields. The level of exposure to these toxic chemicals is not safe. There are many issues, some players in Stratford were scorched by playing on a hot turf field. There are many cautions surrounding turf fields. More research is needed before we allow this. There are organic options. She is asking that this be halted until a safer substance can be used.

Alexandra Gross, Stonewall Lane, she is asking the committee to hold off on crumb rubber field until more research can be done and a safer substance can be found. The opinion in 2016 has changed now that new data has been looked at. Communities can consider alternative substances. Many states have erred on the side of caution before using crumb rubber. The DPH has changed course on their study. Whether it is safe or not cannot be risked if there is the slightest doubt. She is asking the board to reconsider an alternative.

Joe Malatesta, 176 Dunk Rock Road stated he is a coach in town. He grew up here and stated that the high school did not have good fields. The new fields that have been built are much nicer. Alternative materials should be considered.

John Ireland, 3 Marilyn Lane, stated he is has been in town for 10 years. After listening to some of the comments he feels some of it is out of context. There are advantages to a turf field. There is more usage of a turf field without regard to weather. There are costs involved with grass fields as well. There is always a search for good fields in town to play on in the spring. Fields cannot be used in the fall because it causes damage. Practicing on turf fields prepares our students when they go to other high schools and play on turf fields because all of the other schools have turf fields. With the consideration of later school times the fields will have more use.

Craig Keina, stated his children play sports. He is a pediatrician. There are harmful chemicals in turf fields. One of the studies shows that turf fields cause cancer, just not proven that it causes cancer in children. It will take many years to prove any of these tests. There are other alternatives that can be used but they also need chemical use. He is asking for the board not to use a rubber field. There are many security cameras in this school keeping our children safe. Let's put in an organic grass field.

Mr. Pinckney thanked everyone for coming and sharing. The decisions are made very deliberately with information that is given and within the time frame it needs to be made. There are some comments being made that there is secrecy being done. The last two years the board has met 51 times. There have only been a few people in attendance at those meetings. Lastly the building committee does not set policy. We follow directions set by the Board of Education and the Board of Selectmen.

5. Project Managers Report

a. Hot List Mr. Rosati distributed the Hot list. Tactical is ongoing, Dave Moffitt stated he had started testing. He is a couple of weeks before completion. The BOE items list is being reviewed. Mrs. Casey asked Mr. Rosati to put landscaping on the hot list.

6. Budget & Bills

Mr. Mulligan presented the following bills for payment:
WB Mason \$18,891.46

CES \$1530.00

Donofrio \$482.85

Donofrio \$382.96

Morganti #38 \$7,798.44

GPS 2,114.78 utilities bills Eversource

Testcon \$6654.00

Mrs. Beeman made a motion to approve, seconded by Ms. Molnar-Ryan. The motion carried unanimously.

GPS 2016 \$6,659.59

GPS \$2,970.84

GPS \$5400

GPS \$24,758.80

Mrs. Beeman made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Jacob. The motion carried unanimously.

O&G \$1,060,888.97

Mrs. Beeman made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Jacob. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Pinckney does not have the report. Mr. Hetzler has totals but not the report.

The recognition presented is for December for which the Monthly Report has been submitted. Mr. Pinckney stated the future requisitions will not be considered if the Monthly Report has not been received.

7. CM Report Mr. Hetzler reviewed items for the month. Not a lot of movement in the overall cost of the job. There are 6 items remaining for TSKP. There are 15 total, 2 COR's and 13 CDA's that need to be done. Site wise the rough grading has been done. The GHS sign and the rails are being replaced. There are 64 items on the punch list. He has met with Morganti and Tai Soo Kim. They have agreed to take some items off. They are taking care of some of these on the Monday & Tuesday holiday next week. They are moving the list to closure. The warranty for the gymnasium floor has not been extended. Mr. Pinckney asked Mr. Hetzler to get a final answer.

Mr. Hetzler stated that a silt fence has been installed for the wash out. Remedial work will be done in the spring. The benches in the locker room were repaired. The anchor screws were too short. For the condition, all anchors have been replaced with the deeper anchor.

Erosion matting at bus loop area has been installed. There is a shade mock up on second floor.

They are willing to manage work on turf field. It would go beyond the mid May agreement.

Prepared an estimate for the changes discussed.

Everything is being closed out for the trades. There are a few for TSK to discuss tonight. Mr.

Mulligan stated the January report was supposed to have everything up to January 15. The report is everything that has come up since January 15. Mr. Hetzler acknowledged that there were new items on the CO list that preceded January 15. He also stated there are quite a few items that will take them into May. George Gdovan has items on his list, they are final items that need attention.

8. Architect's Report There are six items that the Milone and McBroom are to address.

The sub-slab ventilation system – the contractor is installing and should be done by February 17.

Mr. Mulligan stated that there should be a statement from Kohler Ronan that says the design will take care of what needs to be done. Mr. Hetzler stated that the building balance in the evening is always negative and will remain that way because of the way it is designed. Mr. Pinckney stated there are ways to control the hood exhaust that could reduce the amount of makeup air, but that the building must be neutral or positive at all times, according to the KR design.

Auditorium to music room – it appears to be an audio connection, not a video connection.

Mr. Mulligan stated there is a design flaw. He does not know if there has been any training, but the vendor stated it has not been installed properly.

Lighting consultant – exterior lighting – coming out next week in the evening.

Landscaping – Plan for landscaping presented. The front landscaping has been added to the plan. There is screening proposed on Long Hill Road. There is still more to be done. Steve Dietzko stated that there are still items that can be looked at and changed. Mrs. Casey will walk the LHF area with Steve Dietzko or a representative from Kohler Ronan by the next meeting. Screening along the Long Hill Farm area, and around the softball behind first base was discussed. An alternative plan was looked at. Mr. Morganti asked the height of the trees that are being planted? The trees will grow to 12 to 15 feet. The committee discussed options. By the next meeting the committee would like to see recommended changes within the budget and taking into consideration the requests that Cliff Gurnham is making for snow. Mrs. Beeman asked about a different planting density in the orchard area. Dr. Freeman stated Mr. Gurnham has asked to move the orchard trees further down. Mr. Dietzko reviewed alternative plans and reviewed costs with Dan Hetzler.

Design Fee proposal – Mrs. Casey made a motion to have it reviewed by Mr. Pinckney, seconded by Mr. Jacob. The motion carried unanimously. Mr. Pinckney asked to have it done by February 23 meeting.

The softball field area was looked at. The options were discussed for raising the grate or installing a temporary fence. The committee asked that this be taken off line and for the AD and M&M to provide a recommended solution.

9. Executive session A motion was made and seconded to go into executive session to discuss contract negotiations at 9:01 p.m. with Attorney Donofrio and Lawrence Rosati present. A motion was made and seconded to move out of executive and resume the regular meeting. The regular meeting resumed at 9:29 p.m.

10 CO Reports

a. COR

Mr. Petra presented the following COR's for payment

COR 293R2 \$39,806.00 railing

Mr. Petra stated that it exceeds the CO subcommittee threshold. Mr. Jacob made a motion to approve, seconded by Ms. Molnar-Ryan. The motion carried unanimously.

COR 335R \$35,336.00 architect AI change approved by Mr. Petra

COR 359 \$75,773.00 addtl roof screens

Ms. Molnar-Ryan made a motion to approve, seconded by Mrs. Casey. The motion carried 7-1

COR 281R \$6,349.00

COR 336 R \$7289

COR 347R \$3,513

COR 351 \$4,837

COR 354 \$1,136

COR 355 \$575.00

COR 357 \$4,107

COR 358 \$1,747.00

COR 360 \$1,916

Mr. Mulligan made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Jacob. The motion carried unanimously.

COR 348R \$4,444

Mr. Mulligan made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Jacob. The motion was denied 3-5

Regardless, the CO subcommittee has approved this COR, and the work shall proceed. This work cannot be done until the spring

b. CDA's

CDA 147 \$4,328.00

CDA 148 \$6,072
CDA 149 \$4,593
CDA 150 \$6,032
CDA 152 \$15,762
CDA 153 \$10,818
CDA 154 \$258.00
CDA 156 \$1,723
CDA 157 \$34,564.00

Mr. Mulligan made a motion to approve the CDAs presented, seconded by Mr. Pinckney. The motion carried unanimously

12. Next Meeting Agenda Review The committee will meet **February 23, 2016** at GHS in the Media Center at 7:00 p.m. The committee will continue to meet on the second Tuesdays in 2016.

13. Adjournment There being no further business to discuss, Mrs. Beeman made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:49 p.m. Mr. Petra seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Laurie Kelley, Recording Secretary