

Draft Minutes
TOWN OF GUILFORD
Guilford High School Building Committee
Minutes – June 28, 2016

1. Call meeting to order A regular meeting of the Guilford High School Building Committee was held on Tuesday, June 28, 2016 and called to order at 7:00 p.m. in Guilford High School with Acting Chairman Bill Mulligan presiding.

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

Also Present: Dr. Paul Freeman
Mike Ayles
Rick Maynard

2. Revisions to Agenda as necessary None

3. Field #4 next steps Mr. Mulligan stated that the Standing Fields Committee Chairman, Paul Schmidt has informed the GHSBC that there will be a 50/50 split in financing. His recommendation from Standing Fields is the sand infill.

Margaret Molnar-Ryan asked if it is 50/50 maintenance and is there a plan to redo the whole field in 10 years.

Dr. Freeman stated the BOE met last night and stated that the discussion will continue and possibly a task force commissioned going forward. The maintenance going forward is their responsibility.

Bill Mulligan asked what the BOE's position is.

Dr. Freeman stated the BOE met and appreciated the two week delay to begin discussions. The BOE discussed the infill, they have not changed their recommendation and is the purview of the GHSBC which field is installed. They have no concerns with the crumb rubber but they think if the budget allows the sand infill would be better.

Mr. Mulligan asked if the administration had any views.

Mr. Misenti, Jake Jarvis and the administration continue to support the installation of an artificial turf field.

Mrs. Beeman read a letter submitted by Jake Jarvis. He is in favor of the artificial turf field.

Dr. Freeman stated they visited a sand infill field in South Windsor and they were very happy with it.

Mr. Mulligan read Barbara Casey's and Scott Pinckney's comments. Mrs. Casey is in favor of the artificial turf field and Mr. Pinckney is in favor of the coated crumb rubber infill artificial turf field.

Mrs. Beeman read a comment submitted by Harland Christofferson in opposition to the turf field.

Scott Orenstein stated that by way of clarification, the BOE gave definite direction back a year ago to install a turf field, and it is the BOE that decides what is built and not the GHSBC.

Dr. Freeman stated that Dr. Moore quoted the ed specs and field #4 states it will be consistent with the existing fields. They never specified what that field would be since there are two different fields. Just as the BOE never told the GHSBC what materials to use while building the school, this was handled the same way that the Ed Spec did not specify whether the cafeteria floor should be tile or linoleum.

However, Dr. Freeman stated that BOE did not change its previous direction or issue any new motions.

Mr. Mulligan stated the BOS had given the GHSBC permission to make changes as they saw fit. The decision rests with the GHSBC While it is important to understand their position, it is put on this committee to decide what material goes into the field.

Mr. Mulligan stated that the bond resolution gave the GHSBC authority to make any changes to the scope of the project as the committee saw appropriate within the limits of the \$92.2 million budget.

The decision rests with the GHSBC. While it is important to understand the BOE's position, it is put on this committee to decide what material goes into the field. \$950,000 was put in as a placeholder for the field back in the winter based on the bids that were received that can be changed. The material will be voted on first and then the vendor will be chosen.

Mr. Mulligan made a motion to approve natural grass material for field #4, seconded by Ms. Molnar-Ryan. Ms. Molnar-Ryan stated grass is her preference. She is concerned that there is an overestimation with the turf fields and how much they will be used. The sports programs are over in the fall and nothing is played during the winter. She is also concerned that the funds are not available to replace the current carpet in the artificial turf field. Mr. Jacob stated the he is speaking in opposition to the motion since he feels the use of the field will not be used as stated. The expense of a grass field will actually cost more than an artificial turf field. Annual maintenance will have to be built into the budget. He feels it is a better choice not to go with grass. Mary Beeman concurs with Bob Jacob. Mr. Williams stated that those fields are used in January, March 17 is the start of the baseball and softball season. Mr. Orenstein stated that looking at the cost information the artificial turf will be cheaper long term; however, the installation cost of a grass field is less and the recent history of the budget referendum tells us that the Town is more concerned with the immediate costs. Mr. Mulligan stated that the financing decision is the hardest part of this. The message is clear, the short term financial impact is what the public is concerned with. He is in support of the sand infill artificial turf field. Mr. Orenstein read the BOE motion from May 2015 which states "the Board of Education concurs that use of approved funds for an additional turf field is reasonable and should be approved." Therefore, Mr. Orenstein stated that he would be abstaining from this vote because he did not believe the GHSBC had the authority to install a natural grass field based upon the last official motion from BOE. The motion failed 1-5-1 Molnar-Ryan in favor, Orenstein abstained

Mr. Mulligan made a motion to approve coated sand for field #4, seconded by Mr. Jacob. Mrs. Beeman stated she is actually in favor of crumb rubber, but she feels the public is in favor of coated sand. Mr. Mulligan agrees with Mrs. Beeman. He feels that the crumb rubber is a safe surface to play on, however, the sand is a more health conscience material. Mr. Jacob spoke in favor of the sand infill. Three concerns, the need for fields, the need for safety and health of the children and the financial responsibility. The health of the children is foremost. He has been involved with crumb rubber for ten years. They don't want to find there is a problem with the crumb rubber five years from now, Mr. Williams stated that the sand is the safest material. The Gmax rating is better, head and neck injuries are less. Mr. Orenstein stated that decisions should not be made because of public outrage because, from his experience on Town committees, public outrage changes from one project to next and the GHSBC members are the ones that have been present for every meeting and are the ones that have put in the time to consider every aspect of this decision. The motion carried 6-0-1 Molnar-Ryan.

The ad alternates – four foot chain link fence, football uprights, twenty foot ball safety nets.

Mr. Mulligan made a motion to include the four foot chain link fence, seconded by Mr. Jacob. The motion carried unanimously

Mr. Mulligan made a motion to approve the two gold post uprights, seconded by Mrs. Beeman The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Mulligan made a motion to approve ball safety net system, seconded by Mrs. Beeman. The motion carried 6-1 Jacob opposed.

Mr. Orenstein recused himself from voting for the vendor due to conflicts and left the meeting.

Mr. Mulligan discussed the matrix, discussion followed. The GHSBC submitted their matrix's results. Mr. Mulligan made a motion to recommend RAD Sports with a score of 3.87 to the BOS to enter into a contract to construct a coated sand infill synthetic turf field for the amount of \$1,151,100.00, seconded by Mr. Williams. Discussion followed. The motion carried 5-1 Petra opposed.

4. Adjournment The next committee meeting will be **July 12, 2016** at the Community Center at 7:00 p.m.

There being no further business to discuss, Mr Jacob made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. Mrs. Beeman seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Laurie Kelley, Recording Secretary