



**DOVER SCHOOL
DISTRICT**

JOINT BUILDING COMMITTEE DOVER HIGH ATHLETIC COMPLEX MINUTES

Meeting Type:	Meeting
Meeting Location:	McConnell Center, Room 305, 61 Locust Street
Meeting Date:	Tuesday, June 4, 2024
Meeting Time:	7:00 p.m.

I. Meeting called to order at 7:01PM.

II. ROLL CALL ATTENDANCE

- a. Present: Ernie Clark, Fergus Cullen, Michelle Clancy, Ronan O'Doherty, Linnea Nemeth, Craig Flynn (arrived at 8:03PM).
- b. Staff: Rick Conway, Morgan Lyon, Michael Limanni.
- c. Consultants: Neil Hansen and Joe Persechino.

III. FINANCIAL REPORT - Michael Limanni, Business Administrator

- a. Mr. Limanni presented an overview of how the financial report is set-up.
 - JBC currently has \$3,050,000.00 allocated for use.
 - \$150k expenditures waiting to be approved by JBC (manifests for approval). These will be reviewed in the meeting this evening.
- b. Mr. Limanni confirmed that the Tighe & Bond contract has been vetted by the School Department and City Legal for ratification by JBC.

IV. PUBLIC FORUM

- a. Cassandra Churchill - Speaking as a Dover High parent, and President of field hockey Boosters. Explained reasons she believes turf playing surfaces are important; colleges will not accept grass play film for applications, as well as that Boosters hold tournaments as a big fundraiser and many visiting teams do not want to play on grass.
- b. Chuck Rhoades - Dover, Spoke of the ability of sports to bring a community together. Requested that the health and well-being of the community be considered in making playing surface decisions.
- c. Cynthia Walter - Requested cost transparency for city council, school board, and the public before decisions are made as well video for meetings on 6/11 and 6/24.
- d. Kevin Calhoun - 36 Lucy Lane, Parent of field hockey and baseball students and a coach for baseball. In favor of a turf playing field due to the opportunity to use a multi-sport field. Noted that field hockey needed to use neighboring fields to train on turf for championship game last year.
- e. Gary Dickerman - Sandra's Run, Requested JBC to focus on the mission of the Committee, School District and the City.
- f. Jeff Sanborn - Track coach, spoke about the track being outdated in terms of cinder construction and noted that most colleges have gone to turf for fields.
- g. Kate Sermon - Requesting that science and injuries be considered for playing surface decisions.
- h. Sarah Michaud - Varsity Field Hockey coach, shared her experience with injuries on grass and turf. Has seen more injuries on grass than turf. Turf would benefit the youth programming on learning surfaces for field hockey.



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- i. Scott Dubbin - Dover Point, Head Baseball Coach. Noted that Dover is a D1 school but does not have D1 facilities. Safe grass fields require a lot of maintenance.

V. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

- A. May 22, 2024, regular meeting
- B. Ernie made minor edits that the Secretary noted for final approval. Motion to approve the minutes as amended by Ernie and seconded by Ronan. Approved 5-0.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Discussion on formalizing contract with Tighe & Bond.
 - a. Ernie made a motion to approve the contract, Michelle seconded the motion.
 - b. Linnea noted for transparency that the JBC and then city, school had reviewed and blessed the contract, therefore she is comfortable proceeding.
 - c. Approved 5-0.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Ken Osbon, Former Dover High Football Coach - Acknowledged the challenge addressing and appeasing the many athletes and sports that use the fields. Provided examples of the obstacles encountered when the new high school was built. Since 1984, many more sports and levels have been added to high school, but not additional space/facilities. Ken raised the question of where the football team would be able to practice if Dunaway is being used for other sports/games.
- B. *Craig Flynn arrived at 8:03PM during information from Ken Osbon.*
- C. Discussion of "Green Field" ideas from Tighe & Bond
 - a. Five potential options that are ideas for concepts only to get conversations started.
 - b. Community and committee viewed around the room.
 - c. Feedback shared:
 - i. Michelle: Likes hiding the maintenance and having two sets of bleachers.
 - ii. Craig: The additional parking was exciting.
 - iii. Linnea: Prefer options where there is another field or additional parking.
 - iv. Ernie: Options that slow the traffic down around the school. Is there another space in the [city] to house maintenance to keep the space for athletics.
 - v. Ronan: Appreciate the effort to solve beyond fields, space is very valuable here and need to use it best we can.
 - vi. Fergus: Wider layout to allow for soccer IAAF track.

VIII. IDENTIFY NEXT MEETING DATES/TIMES



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- A. Community Listening Session, pre-design, June 11 at 5:30, McConnell Center cafeteria.
 - a. This will be a citizen's forum format.
 - b. 5:30 start time.
 - B. Workshop, deep dive on natural grass & synthetic, June 18 at 6:00, McConnell 306 (Alt: June 20)
 - C. TBD: Community Listening Session – with concept designs
- IX. ADJOURNMENT** - Ronan made a motion to adjourn, second by Michelle. Meeting adjourned at 9:19PM.