



**DOVER SCHOOL
DISTRICT**

JOINT BUILDING COMMITTEE DOVER HIGH ATHLETIC COMPLEX MINUTES

Meeting Type:	Meeting
Meeting Location:	McConnell Center Room 323 61 Locust Street, Dover, NH
Meeting Date:	Wednesday, December 18, 2024
Meeting Time:	6:00 p.m.

- I. CALL TO ORDER** at 6:04pm.
- II. ROLL CALL ATTENDANCE**
 - a. Present: Fergus Cullen, Michelle Clancy, Craig Flynn, Linnea Nemeth, Ronan O'Doherty
 - b. Remote: Ernie Clark
 - c. Consultants: Neil Hansen, Tighe & Bond
- III. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES** - Voting will be tabled for next regular meeting as they were not sent ahead with agenda.
 - A. November 19, 2024 regular meeting
- IV. FINANCIAL REPORT** - Nothing to report.
- V. PUBLIC FORUM**
 - a. Gary Dickerman, Sandra's Run - spoke to benefits and concerns with the JBC proposal to city council and school board. Requesting the baseball field to remain natural grass.
- VI. OLD BUSINESS** - Discussion on current state of the project
 - a. Consensus that something needs to happen in terms of improvements to Dunaway from the School Board and City Council.
 - b. JBC discussed PR and communication updates for the future can be improved. Will provide more information and easier access on the JBC website. Fergus will work with Media Services.
 - c. Discussion on timing of budget constraints impacting ability to accept the \$19M at this time, goal to come back for approvals at Q2 with some modifications and more detail per requests. Specifically, will provide a 20 year financial impact with the caveat that costs could change between now and then.
 - d. Neil noted that splitting up the project would not necessarily lower costs, but in a lot of cases paying twice. If we leave Dunaway in current location means never being able to reorient the baseball field.
 - e. Option to be further researched is to have the city take over ownership of baseball to minimize impact to school/education budget.
 - f. Update from Neil at T&B: Permit the master plan area scope as it is good for 5 years and okay if we do less/smaller



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VII. NEW BUSINESS

a. Review of Plans A, B, C

- Yes to reposition Dunaway Field, replace lights, move to synthetic, keep concessions/bathrooms/storage; Renovation of baseball field and keeping it grass, need a commitment to fundraise for lights or we do not add.
- Maybe to the visitor grandstand if we do need a wall. If we forgo, we could build a pad if needed, but either way will come back to this decision.
- Review Facilities building options with the architect as cost looks high.
- Craig and Michelle put out the call to action for fundraising campaign owners (separate from JBC).

VIII. CONFIRM NEXT MEETING DATES/TIMES

- a. Unofficial TRC meeting in February after vetting options/discussion.
- b. T&B would have some updates to share with JBC 2nd week of January.
- c. Will need to reauthorize contracts and eventually authorize new funding due to redesigns and timeline shifts with TB and Eckman.
- d. Tentative date of 1/14 at 5:30 for next meeting.

IX. FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

- X. ADJOURNMENT** - Ernie made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Michelle. All in favor, the meeting adjourned at 7:45pm.



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Notes Ernie Clark requested to be put on the record post meeting due to audio issues:

I believe the JBC should seek the three renovation options with pricing and anticipate that all three will increase. We know we are going to pay for less.

I also believe we need to provide the bare minimum, although not our recommendation, be priced out. We do not have to present it but we need to have it in hand so we do not come away empty handed again.

The minimal plan would be...

- Main game field in its current location.
- Track to go to 8/6 lane configuration
- Grandstand renovation to ADA code
- Continue use of light TOWERS w new light fixtures

Dover (CC, SB, citizens) were expecting bare bones improvements and that is what we may get, especially as prices increase.

It's not the right way but it is what we will end up with if this is going to be paid for through operating budget and bonding.

The six of us can debate with each other every item but it's a totally different matter when going before the SB and CC. It took the CC very few minutes to punt this project out another year. It would not have mattered if the prices had been rock solid, the CC will not accept a project in excess of \$10MM, if that much.

Fergus and Linnea did excellent presentations/explanations at last CC meeting and my ears heard only one councilor speaking positively about the project. If it had been voted on with one councilor absent the project would have failed 3-5 with Fergus and Linnea voting in the affirmative.

We can make decisions and secure pricing but when the project goes back to the two bodies it will be squirm time. Even those council members that did not speak were twisting in their seats with their eyes looking at the floor.

The only way Plan A will become reality is conversion to Enterprise Fund.



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The athletic complex being built using Plan A would need to go to an Enterprise Find with a private entity taking over all management including renovations and charge the school department as does the ice arena charge the school and every other user.

It is doubtful that the City administration will want any City department to be responsible for management of fields, even as an enterprise fund.