

CITY OF DOVER

JOINT MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL, SCHOOL BOARD AND JOINT BUILDING COMMITTEE DOVER HIGH ATHLETIC COMPLEX - MINUTES

Meeting Type: **Workshop Session**
Meeting Location: **City Hall, Council Conference Room**
Meeting Date: **Wednesday, May 21, 2025**
Meeting Time: **6:00 pm**

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. MOMENT OF SILENCE

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilor Hackett led the pledge of allegiance.

4. ROLL CALL ATTENDANCE

Council

Present: Councilor Richer, Councilor Nemeth, Councilor Retrosi, Councilor Williams, Councilor Cullen, Councilor Hackett, Councilor Warach, Deputy Mayor Shanahan, Mayor Carrier

School Board

Present: Robin Trefethen, Chair, Carolyn Mebert, Michelle Clancy, Maggie Fogarty, Elizabeth Goldman, Micaela Demeter, Carig Flynn

JBC – Athletic Complex

Present: Councilor Cullen, Councilor Nemeth, Michelle Clancy, Ronan O'Doherty, Craig Flynn

Absent: Ernie Clark

Also Present:

City Manager Joyal, City Clerk Vanslyvong-Bizier

5. DISCUSSIONS

A. JBC HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC FACILITY UPDATED REPORT

B. FIELD CONFIGURATION AND SURFACE OPTIONS

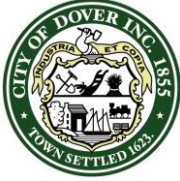
C. JBC RECOMMENDATION AND REVISED PROJECT COST ESTIMATES

D. NEXT STEPS FOR ESTABLISHING PROJECT SCOPE AND AUTHORIZING ADDITIONAL REQUIRED FUNDING

E. PANEL QUESTION AND ANSWERS

Councilor Cullen presented a PowerPoint Presentation to the Council and School Board with the findings and recommendations of the JBC Athletic Complex.

Councilor Cullen answered questions from the School Board and Council throughout the presentation.



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City Manager Joyal went over the funding procedure of the project and explained that the cost of the project would be mostly covered by bonding, the steps to bond will begin with the May 28th meeting, with an expected vote on June 25th. The Manager asked that the School Board give their recommendation to the Council no later than June 25th.

6. PUBLIC FORUM

Taxpayers, Business owners, and Residents are invited to speak on the subject matter of the Workshop. Statements shall be limited to two minutes.

John Atherton, 22 West Concord St, is concerned that the cost of synthetic turf is much higher than organic grass. Mr. Atherton feels that organic grass would be a fine choice for the athletic complex.

Ret Reed, DHS athlete, spoke in favor of the athletic complex project.

Susan Smith, 2 Susannah's Crossing, is concerned about the environment and safety aspect of the athletic complex.

Laura Winter-Reed, 4 Danielle Ln, spoke about the opportunities that this project could bring to the City. Ms. Winter-Reed suggested that the boosters and families could help with fundraising to offset the cost of the project.

Michelle Mastro Battista, 64 Ezra's Way, is currently coaching the DHS track team and is saddened by the state of the track at the high school, they are currently having to rent track space at other schools. Ms. Mastro Battista, along with other parents, are planning to start a non-profit to raise money for Dover athletics.

Cynthia Walter, 22 West Concord St, spoke about the cost of uses for a grass field and for a synthetic field.

Katherine Surman, 39 Sandra's Run, spoke about the cost of the project and the lack of state funding for school departments.

Jill Brooks, 60 Cushing St, spoke about the cost of the project and the concern with how expensive it is and how the project is funded.

Christine Baber, 5 Gerry's Ln, concerned with the cost of the athletic complex.

Dani Rezack, 28 West Concord St, took issue with the presentation downplaying the safety concerns with the synthetic turf and more consideration should be put into those issues.

Alex Barbahan, 835 Central Ave, frustrated that more information on organic grass was not provided during the presentation.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Retrosi moved to adjourn, seconded by School Board Member Elizabeth Goldman.

Vote: U/A.