



**DOVER SCHOOL
DISTRICT**

JOINT BUILDING COMMITTEE DOVER HIGH ATHLETIC COMPLEX MINUTES

Meeting Type:	Meeting
Meeting Location:	City Hall, Council Conference Room, second floor, 288 Central Ave, Dover, NH
Meeting Date:	Tuesday, July 15, 2026
Meeting Time:	6:00 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER at 6:02pm.

II. ROLL CALL ATTENDANCE

- a. Present: Linnea Nemeth, Fergus Cullen, Ronan O'Doherty, Ernie Clark.
- b. Absent: Michelle Clancy (excused)
- c. Staff: Peter Driscoll, Josh Knight, Morgan Lyon.

III. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

- A. June 30, 2025 regular meeting - Linnea made a motion to approve the minutes, Ernie seconded. Approved 5-0.

IV. FINANCIAL REPORT

- A. Review current invoices and Financial Report.
- B. Manifest for \$20k for Eckman Construction reviewed. Motion to approve invoice for Eckman Construction by Ernie, seconded by Craig. Approved 5-0.

V. PUBLIC FORUM - Seeing none, the public forum was closed.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Scheduling Update presented by Tighe & Bond:

- a. Permitting: State alteration of terrain will take several months. City of Dover: Design ready for review by the end of July allowing for meetings with Conservation Commission and Technical Review Committee in August, to make a Planning Board meeting in September.
- b. The site work & fields package would be ready for bid by Labor Day. Buildings (facility, bathroom/concession, athletics storage barn) end of October.
- c. The standard process would allow 4 weeks for bidding, and then 4 weeks for review. The Construction Manager would present recommendations for awards to the JBC to review and approve.
- d. Timing and Safety Concerns brought up by School: Stadium would need to be complete for games, with preference to be moving early season games instead of working around construction. "Playable" field does not mean stadium ready. Recommended planning to have the first couple of football games away.
- e. Takeaway: Need to define things like "substantially complete", playable, and game-ready.

B. Baseball field timing discussion

- a. Saving the field for Spring baseball 2026 would mean the second field will not



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be usable for Fall 2026. If sod, it would not be ready for any use until Spring '27.

- b. If torn up in Spring, could be playable by Fall and there is potential for price savings.
- c. Consensus that if sacrificing field in spring is needed, it would be acceptable.
- d. Driscoll commented: Anything we can do to make it easier for the contractors is in the project's best interest.
- C. Facilities building discussion
 - a. The building presented by Banwell was pre-fab and fairly basic. Potential for some savings. Question on if interior dimensions were custom for Banwell.
 - b. Open space is heated but not air conditioned.
 - c. If possible to find a temporary home for equipment, it could help with timing and efficiency.
- D. Update on preserving monuments & bleacher plates from Craig
 - a. Morgan will be able to move and hold the rock and plaque.
 - b. Bleacher plates in the process of how to remove plates. Ernie believes there is a master list.
 - c. May make more sense to make a new plaque to recognize past contributors rather than try to salvage existing markers.
- E. Extending consultant agreements
 - a. Tighe & Bond is working on an updated proposal.
 - b. Eckman has presented a pre-construction proposal and a proposal for managing construction. No action taken by JBC in this meeting.
- F. Update on private fundraising committee from Craig: board will be meeting to adopt members at the end of July.
- G. Scheduling field visits for carpet & field infill types and track surfaces
 - a. Needs to be accomplished in the next 4-6 weeks for inclusion in bid package
 - b. List being built of local sites and types of turf, infill, and pads.
 - c. Can ask for alternatives in bid package (e.g., color of track or infill options)

VIII. CONFIRM NEXT MEETING DATES/TIMES

- a. Should meet in the next week, tentative for Wednesday 7/23 at 5:30 pm.
- b. Plan to set regularly scheduled meetings going forward.

IX. FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

- X. **ADJOURNMENT** Ronan moved to adjourn, seconded by Craig. Meeting adjourned at 7:33pm.