



**DOVER SCHOOL
DISTRICT**

JOINT BUILDING COMMITTEE DOVER HIGH ATHLETIC COMPLEX MINUTES

Meeting Type:	Meeting
Meeting Location:	City Hall, First Floor Conference Room 288 Central Ave, Dover, NH
Meeting Date:	Wednesday, January 14, 2026
Meeting Time:	5:00 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER at 5:00 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL ATTENDANCE

- a. Present: Ernie Clark, Ronan O'Doherty, Craig Flynn, Fergus Cullen
- b. Excused: Michelle Clancy, Linnea Nemeth
- c. Staff: Dr. Christine Boston, Michael Limanni, Josh Knight, Shawn Greenough
- d. Consultants: Joe Persechino (Tighe & Bond), John DeLoia (Eckman Construction)

III. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

- A. December 10, 2025 regular meeting – Clark moved to approve as presented, O'Doherty second, adopted 4-0

IV. FINANCE REPORT

- A. Clark sought clarification around a number of financial process matters. Limanni responded about change orders, purchase orders, invoices, when five- and ten-percent retainages apply per state law, and signatures required on requisitions.
- B. Ratified Change Orders #1 (\$5,000 to add color to the maintenance building roof) and #2 (\$167,500 to install bases and conduit for light towers at the baseball/multisport field). O'Doherty moved, Clark second, passed 4-0.
- C. Approved Manifest - \$35,663.79 for Tighe & Bond, \$256,528.53 for Eckman. Clark moved, O'Doherty second, approved 4-0.

V. PUBLIC FORUM

Peter Siess, 28 Bellamy Road, stated he was mostly there to listen.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Permitting update - Persechino
 - a. State sewer - received
 - b. Maintenance building – separate Building Permit per city inspector
 - c. Rest of project inc grandstands, concessions/bathroom, equipment barn – second BP
 - d. city building inspector has requested capacity and egress calculations and Owner Authorization Letter; both are in progress
 - e. Maintenance building not subject to review by State Fire Marshal as it is not an educational facility, but rest of buildings are
 - f. Concessions fit-up may be separate permit
- B. Construction update DeLoia
 - a. Site work – currently doing cut and fills



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- b. Maintenance building – foundations planned for February
- c. Signed planning dept docs in process to move to job trailer
- d. Transformer ownership – turns out school district, not Eversource, owns existing ones by the animal science building and the baseball field. Third party (not Eversource) needed to kill power. New Eversource transformer planned to serve new Facilities building. Consultants will explore options and report back. Persechino suggested Limanni check into whether school is getting a somewhat reduced rate due to owning the equipment.

C. Discussion

- a. Hiring for Third Party Inspections for compaction testing, etc. Reviewed three bids collected by Eckman on JBC's behalf. Eckman's recommendation is that the JBC hire GSI, who does appear to have the most advantageous pricing based on itemized fees for different services. Will bill JBC / school district directly. Clark moved to award contract to GSI, Flynn second, adopted 4-0 on a roll call vote.
- b. Grandstand riser color – consensus to approve hunter / forest / Dover green
- c. Press box colors – consensus for white exterior; consensus on one of two beige tones for interior.
- d. Track base color: Discussion about brick red, black, grey, and/or two-tone with grey with green relay exchange zones. Knight stated there is little to no cost difference. Persechino commented red would likely have a modest upcharge, other colors a bit more, two-tone more. Cullen expressed support for a standard black or brick red for reasons of cost, future maintenance and spot patching; and because having a two-tone coloring will look odd on the third exchange, given the merge of the 6-lane/8-lane straight. Committee wanted more info before deciding – pricing, and some mock-ups. Continued to next meeting.
- e. Other markings e.g. take-off boards – continued to next meeting
- f. Equipment needs: Knight reported we have a pole vault pit, and a used high jump pit. Knight would like a new HJ pit. Discussion about whether this is an Eckman or School District purchase question. Need school to assemble an equipment list.
- g. Field markings. Question is, what will be stitched-in, and what may be painted seasonally. Knight advocated for stitching football and baseball, painting others. Clark asked about cost of robot for painting lines; unknown at this time. Cullen reminded group original intent was to stitch Dunaway for five sports – football, soccer, field hockey, boys and girls lax. Compromise option to stitch tufts for corners to facilitate painting.



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On baseball / multisport, consensus to stitch baseball only and add tick marks for seasonal lining for other sports (including bases for 60-foot softball / youth baseball like at Derryfield/Trinity field in a slightly different green). Persechino will take a closer look and confirm. Cullen asked about outfield fence for 60-foot fields. Answer: Weighted posts for fence, not sub-grade recessed stakes. Re Dunaway, O'Doherty commented all programs, not just football, are invested in this field and expect permanent lines. Nearly all public school fields are stitched for multi-sport. Consensus to stitch for all five sports. Endzones will say "Dover" on both sides. No center logo due to multi-sport nature of field.

- h. Scoreboards – basic and upgrade options, video option. An item that may be covered by sponsorship. Need to consider costs of related infrastructure upgrades that come with it e.g. bigger bases, which will need to be built into value of potential gifts. Will operate using wifi/Bluetooth. Need more info on costs, continued to next meeting.
- i. Musco lighting upgrades such as mounting hardware and conduit to accommodate potential speakers. Need pricing impact, continued to next meeting.
- j. Technology infrastructure for wifi, to accommodate streaming, potential digital scoreboard. Separate network from school? Project includes conduit but not specifics. Conclusion: Need a short-term subcommittee to identify tech needs, to include school IT director. Persechino to confer with electrical engineers. Flynn to convene group.
- k. Abutter screening TBD: Needed for Zeland Drive & Bellamy neighbors. Cullen communicating with both.
- l. Dover Athletics Foundation update next meeting.
- m. Regular on-site construction meetings every other week will start next week. Peter Driscoll & Greenough to represent school district at these meetings and pull in others when/as needed.

VII. CONFIRM NEXT MEETING DATES/TIMES

- a. Wed Jan 28 at 5:00 (no finance report; those will be monthly)
- b. Wed Feb 11 at 5:30

VIII. FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

IX. ADJOURNMENT 6:58 p.m.

Minutes prepared by: Fergus Cullen on 1/18/26.

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High School Athletic Complex