

MAINE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICT NO. 52

Greene, Leeds, and Turner, Maine

Minutes of the Fifth Special Meeting of the Board of Directors for 2015-2016

May 26, 2016 6:00 P.M. Leavitt Area High School

Members present: Elizabeth Bullard, Chairperson; Diana Morgan, Vice Chairperson; Yuri Kowalski; Richard Gross; Peter Ricker; JoAnn Nickerson

Members absent: Robert Allen; Carlos Gnipp; Jon Woodard

Others Present: Henry Aliberti, Jr. Superintendent; Thomas Ambrose, Assistant Superintendent; Deborah Alden, Special Education Director; Deborah Roberts, Business Manager; Eben Shaw, Leavitt Area High School Principal; Gail Marine, Tripp Middle School Principal; Cynthia Alexander, Turner Elementary School Principal; Theresa Gillis, Turner Primary School Principal; Pam Doyen, Greene Central School Principal; Danielle Harris, Leeds Central School Principal; Kimberly Long, Facilities and Transportation Director; District Citizens; District Employees

1. Chairperson Elizabeth Bullard called the meeting to order at 6:01 P.M. and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by JoAnn Nickerson.

2. New Business:

- 2.1 Superintendent Aliberti introduced Leavitt Area High School Principal Eben Shaw to talk about the track bond. Mr. Shaw talked about the installation date of the track and the last resurfacing. He spoke about the delaminating of the surface of the track and the safety risks associated with the track. Mr. Shaw mentioned that the rubberized coating needs to be replaced and the tar underneath will be reground and resurfaced. After the resurfacing the surface will be replaced. The high jump pit will be moved outside the track and pole vault pit will be moved. The soccer field will be re-loamed and reseeded. The score board for soccer (and track meets) is included. Mr. Shaw mentioned that PE classes and 75 middle school students use the track in addition to the program at the high school.

Business Manager Deb Roberts reviewed the finances of the project.

- Total cost of the project is approximately \$550,705.
- Fifteen year bond starting payments in 2017-18
- \$48K per year
- Interest only payment in May of 2017 has been included in the 2016-17 budget that has been approved by the three communities
- Mrs. Roberts said that the mil rate increase on a \$50K home will be for Greene \$4.50 per half year, Turner \$7.50 per half year, and Leeds \$7.50 per half year.

Mr. Shaw indicated the projected lifespan is 15 years and then with a thin recoat, it will add more years. He said that the timeline is about one year for the grass on the soccer field. They will be on the track in 2017 spring and in the fall of 2017 they will be on the soccer field.

A question was raised about the length of the bond, specifically if the District looked at a ten year bond. Mrs. Roberts indicated that only a 15-year and 20-year bond options were considered.

Board member Yuri Kowalski asked if Mr. Shaw could talk about the impact of not repairing the track. Mr. Shaw said that not repairing the track means it would not be useable in another year.

The referendum date is on June 14, 2016 – same as primary election day. Polls are open from 6:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. at Leeds and 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. at Turner and Greene.

Chairperson Bullard talked about the state statutes and the way the timelines impacted the choice of the date for the referendum and she thanked people for attending.

A citizen asked about grants or other funding sources available. Chairperson Bullard said that she did not know of any grants available and Mrs. Roberts agreed.

3. A motion was made by Peter Ricker, seconded by Yuri Kowalski and voted unanimously by those present to adjourn the meeting at 6:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Henry Aliberti, Secretary

