

MAINE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICT NO. 52

Greene, Leeds, and Turner, Maine

Minutes of the First Special Meeting of the Board of Directors for 2016-2017

July 7, 2016

Leavitt Area High School

Members present: Elizabeth Bullard, Chairperson; Diana Morgan, Vice Chairperson; Jon Woodard; Yuri Kowalski; Richard Gross; Peter Ricker (6:37 P.M.); JoAnn Nickerson; Robert Allen; Carlos Gnipp

Members absent: None

Others Present: Kimberly Brandt, Superintendent of Schools; Thomas Ambrose, Assistant Superintendent; Eben Shaw, Leavitt Area High School Principal

1. Chairperson Elizabeth Bullard called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Old Business:

- 2.1 Superintendent Kimberly Brandt gave an update on the one bid for the Leavitt Area High School track bid. The bid was publicly opened in the presence of herself, Business Manager Deborah Roberts and Facilities/Transportation Director Kimberly Long on July 1, 2016. The bid was approximately \$200,000 over the amount budgeted.

Brad Mezquita with Tighe & Bond was present. He noted that the original estimate was based on a review of an assessment by Maine Tennis and Track and a review of the numbers they had quoted. He felt the assessment he provided was accurate and agreed that the Board should reject the bid. He stated that the contingencies may have caused some other companies to not bid. He talked to some potential builders. They said they need to have people available to get the site work done.

Peter Ricker asked what would happen to the bond money if we waited until the spring. He also asked what will be the change in pricing if the District waits. Superintendent Brandt said that she had talked to Business Manager Deb Roberts and would want to confirm that the District has three years to expend the funds. Chairperson Bullard asked Leavitt High School Principal Eben Shaw his thoughts on waiting until the spring. Mr. Shaw noted that we will need the scoreboard for soccer in the fall. He said that the first option (hot top in the fall) would mean no meets in the spring and no home soccer games in the fall. He said that if the District changes to starting construction in the spring, we would move to having no soccer games in the fall of next year and there will be no meets in the spring with either option.

Peter Ricker said that his concern with the second option is the potential change in the price in petroleum. He said he was wondering how many companies may bid if it is reopened now.

Brad Mezquita said that he is not sure who will take the lead on the bid. He noted that this year people are fully booked and that if someone has an opening they may not be a good company.

Turner selectman Ralph Caldwell asked about the current hot top being retained. Mr. Mezquita said that in his professional opinion he would not recommend resurfacing the top. Chairperson Bullard noted that the plan approved by voters would fix the track so that it is good for fifteen years and then could be resurfaced and used for fifteen more years.

Jon Woodard asked if it was possible to structure the bid so that both options of timing are possible. Mr. Mezquita said that he would not recommend giving two options in the bid.

Peter Ricker said that he did not have a lot of concern about the base below the tar but he is concerned with the drainage. He asked about removing the base under the track. Mr. Mezquita said that they plan to maintain the base and grind up the top.

Peter Ricker asked if we could put option 1 out to bid now and then if it does not come to fruition could we have a second bid later. Mr. Mezquita said that it is possible but he mentioned that the Board may want to consider the impact of asking people to bid three times.

Superintendent Brandt asked if the Board went with option 1 would practicing on the tar cause any damage. Mr. Mezquita replied no, there would be no damage as long as no one is using spikes on the track. Yuri Kowalski asked if they did not start digging until the spring, would the District potentially be able to keep the fall soccer season the next year. Mr. Mezquita said no. The District would have to lose one fall of soccer because they have to do all the earth work and the grass will not be ready in time. Principal Shaw concurred that the grass would not be ready.

Chairperson Bullard asked for a motion. A motion was made by Peter Ricker, seconded by Robert Allen and voted 7 Yes (Bullard, Ricker, Allen, Morgan, Woodard, Gnipp, Nickerson) and 2 No (Kowalski, Gross) to go with option 1 (which is to put out another RFP with noted changes).

Peter Ricker asked about the soccer field and the ability to host soccer games on a different field. Principal Shaw said that the home games will be on a different field.

Mr. Mezquita said that he would rework the specs and timeline and get it to Business Manager Deb Roberts on July 11, 2016. Superintendent Brandt asked about the penalty clause. Mr. Mezquita said that it should come out completely.

Chairperson Bullard noted that Deb Roberts wondered about whether there is merit around having a clause to have the paving done by a date in the fall. Mr. Mezquita said that he would think a penalty based on the paving being done by the end of this calendar year would be reasonable and would be included in the proposals. Diana Morgan asked about putting up a sign stating that there is a concern about the liability of the surface of the track. Mr. Mezquita said that he would be more concerned about liability if there is a sign up.

- 2.2 The Board discussed the update on the Greene land sale. Chairperson Bullard noted that the court date has not occurred. Turner selectman Ralph Caldwell stated it has been rescheduled twice. Chairperson Bullard asked Superintendent Brandt to talk about the process.

Superintendent Brandt stated that she and Chairperson Bullard would be there as representatives of the District. She said that the attorneys would do most of the talking about this. Mrs. Brandt noted that no decision would be made without bringing information back to the full Board. Chairperson Bullard agreed.

Ralph Caldwell noted that he was under the impression that the judge was adamant that the people who represented each group to be able to negotiate on behalf of that group.

Mrs. Bullard noted that she was here to talk to the Board about their points of view and that there is an executive session on the agenda to discuss if the Board wants to. Yuri Kowalski asked if there was any indication of the direction for the 12th. Mrs. Bullard said that she was not sure about the next step on the 12th. Peter Ricker asked if there has been a formal judgment by the court.

Chairperson Bullard noted that it is her understanding that there has been no such action at this time. Peter Ricker asked if the role of the judge is there to mediate. Ralph Caldwell said that he does not know what will happen if it is not settled and that there has not been a ruling at this time.

- 2.3 A motion was made by Richard Gross, seconded by Peter Ricker and voted unanimously by those present to enter into an Executive Session to discuss the July 12, 2016 court date on Greene land sale pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(E).

The Board entered Executive Session at 6:48 P.M.
The Board returned to Open Session at 7:25 P.M.

- 2.4 No action taken.

- 2.5 Robert Allen asked about the Effective School surveys. Chairperson Bullard noted that there will be more information in the future.

3. A motion was made by Peter Ricker, seconded by Yuri Kowalski and voted unanimously by those present to adjourn the meeting at 7:27 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Kimberly Brandt, Secretary