

## FEBRUARY 18, 2010 BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS' MINUTES

South Eastern School District  
Extra-Curricular Committee Meeting  
February 16, 2010  
Time: 6:40 pm – 9:40 pm

**Attendance:** Robert Taylor, Ralph Marston, Millard Neale, Norma Lingenfelter, Mary Hyson, Tonia Wright, Traci Stauffer, Eric Lam, Dr. Shank

Mark Shrift, Principal Director of Landscaping Architecture with Hayes Large Architects, LLP, was on hand to respond to questions from the January 25<sup>th</sup> meeting regarding the running track field.

### **Locker Rooms:**

The Locker Rooms fitting under the home side grandstands could work. There area would have to be over excavated to reinforce walls and raise the grandstands to make it useful. Another option would entail separating the home and visitor sections with a restroom facility. The locker rooms could also double as a meeting room. This would increase the cost \$1.1 to \$1.2 million dollars, bringing the total cost to \$4.2 to \$4.6 million dollars.

In order to see Tracks 6, 7, and 8, the grandstand would have to be reduced by half. This would not affect seating.

### **Phases:**

If renovating the Track Field, the project could be done in 3 phases:

1. Grandstands, Public Toilets and Lights, with an estimated cost of \$2.9-\$3.2 Million.
2. Field House at a cost of \$950,000 to \$990,000.
3. Synthetic Surf at a cost of \$700,000 to \$900,000, plus another \$300,000 to replace the turf every 10 years. The life of the turf is about 10-12 years and would include a 10 year warranty.

### **Parking Analysis:**

1 space for every 4 seats equates to a need of 1000 parking spaces. The existing parking is approximately 720 spaces. We would need an interpretation from the borough. If we look at bus corrals and driveway space we may not need parking expansion.

The restrooms are based on 2,000 seats which would need a variance from the township (a 90 day process). The original seating was for 4,000 seats, but we may settle for 3,000 seats.

The field could be lined for 3 sports (Football, soccer and field hockey). State Contracting could be used to save money on the turf.

The committee needs to decide if they are comfortable with the feasibility study, which field to renovate, the must haves and phases and which items need to be included in the project.

There was a discussion on Booster involvement on raising funds and how the District is planning to pay for the project.

Matthew Madden with the NCS Group discussed the previous study that had an original goal of \$6.1 million dollars. This was deemed to be too high because of the struggling economy. The recommendation from The NCS Group then became \$2.1 million, but was increased to \$2.8 million dollars because of a substantial gift from a contributor. NCS feels the target could be \$3.3 million. The fee for the fundraising is \$7,800/month for an approximate period of 12-15 months (\$117,000). There would be added costs for supplies and secretarial labor, which could be offset by volunteers from the Boosters. The District has the ability to get out of the contract with a 30 day notification, if the results were not good.

There was a healthy discussion with the public on all aspects of the financial feasibility of the project.

The recommendation is to use the Track Field, to approve the Athletic Field Feasibility Study on 2/18 and the Capital Campaign on the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting in March.