

MINUTES

**Seymour High School Athletic Field Committee Meeting Thursday, May 21, 2015 @
7:00 p.m. Seymour Middle School Library**

Members Present: Sean Walsh, Tim Sadick, Paul Sponheimer, Jay Hatfield, Paul Roy
(Alt.) (7:04 PM), Nicole Klarides-Ditria, Jack Liedke

Members Not Present: Ed Strumello, Bill Paecht, Theresa Conroy

Others Present: Jim Galligan, Nafis & Young, Wayne Natzel, Board of Ed.

ITEM #1: Call meeting to order.

Meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.

ITEM #2: Pledge of Allegiance

Everyone saluted the flag and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

ITEM #3: Public Comment

A Call was made for public comment.

Public comment was then closed.

ITEM #4: Chairperson's comments

Chairperson had no comments today.

Chairperson's comments were then closed.

ITEM #5: Approve minutes from May 11, 2015 special meeting.

Motion to approve minutes from May 11, 2015 special meeting.

Motion: Sean Walsh Second: Paul Sponheimer

Vote: 6 – Yes 0 – No

Item number five is closed.

Motion to add to the agenda Review and Approve Invoices from Nafis and Young

Motion: Jay Hatfield Second: Paul Sponheimer

Vote: 6- Yes 0-No

ITEM#6: Review and approve Invoices from Nafis and Young

A Motion to seat Paul Roy as alternate member for this evening's meeting.

Jay Hatfield Second: Jack Liedke

Motion: Vote: 6–Yes 0 No 1–Abstain

Nafis and Young submitted an invoice number 191950 in the amount of \$1,257.75 from Connecticut Testing Laboratories.

Motion to Approve Invoice Number 191950, in the amount of \$1,257.75 submitted by Connecticut Testing Laboratories

Motion: Jack Liedke Second: Jay Hatfield

Vote: Yes-7 No-0

ITEM#7: Review turf bids with project engineer

A summary of the bids for the turf were handed out by Mr. Galligan along with a status report of the major expenses that have occurred to date to the committee.

There was one bid for the turf. It was from Field Turf. The specs were for the Field Turf Revolution. The bid was in compliance with the contract documents. Therefore Nafis and Young is making the recommendation that the committee make a favorable recommendation to the Board of Selectman to award the turf bid to Field Turf in the amount of \$474,141.97.

A question was raised about the bid alternate in the amount of \$9,000.00 for installing 1,800 square feet of turf by the bleachers. Mr. Galligan stated that as the project goes along and if funds are available, the committee can decide if they want to remove the vegetation and install the turf.

Mr. Sponheimer asked about the goal posts. Mr. Galligan stated they are an alternate under the site contractor bid and that the committee needs to decide if it wants the standard goal post or the rotating goal post.

Mr. Sponheimer asked, other than the goal posts, was there anything else needed on the field. Mr. Galligan stated the only things he would consider would be fencing and additional gates that would be installed, if any. He also mentioned the goal post and goal post pads as the two most important things that are needed. The goal post pad was bid at \$1,800.00.

Mr. Sponheimer asked if it was virgin rubber used in the turf. That means no part of the rubber used in the turf came from used and shredded tires. For the parents and the public, it is important for them to know that their child will not be playing on chewed and used tires, but virgin rubber. Mr. Galligan stated it was cryogenically formed rubber.

Motion to the Board of Selectman regarding the artificial turf bid, selecting low bidder Field Turf USA with a base bid of \$474,141.97.

Motion: Paul Roy Second: Sean Walsh

Vote: Yes- 7 No-0

Item Number seven was then closed.

ITEM#8: Review bleacher bids with project engineer

Summary of the bleacher bids were handed out. There were two bidders: E & D Specialty Stands, Inc. and Dant Clayton Corporation.

The first bid was by E & D Specialty Stands, Inc, in the amount of \$370,000.00.

The second bid received was from Dant Clayton Corporation, in the amount of \$370,092.00.

Mr. Galligan has experience with E & D Specialty Stands. They did the bleachers at Oxford High School. He stated they modeled their plans and specs after the Dant Clayton product. If the committee wants to move ahead with the low bidder, then he would ask E & D to submit a workup drawings and produce a 3 ft. mock up of the stands. If at that point the committee is satisfied with their product, they will recommendation to work with them.

Nicole Klarides-Ditria clarified that if the committee or Mr. Galligan is not satisfied with their mock up plans then the committee can disqualify them and go with the next company. Mr. Galligan confirmed that to be true.

Mr. Sponheimer noted a significant difference in the bids between the contractors with regard to alternates such as the press box. Dant Clayton is higher in the base bid, but their alternates were priced lower.

Nicole Klarides-Ditria stated that there probably won't be any money for a press box because all the remaining funds will be needed for the track. Mr. Galligan stated that they are estimating the track to cost \$240,000.00- \$270,000.00. Tim Sadick argued that when you throw in \$16,000.00 for the goal post, and add all the testing that needs to be paid for, the committee is actually over budget before the track even goes in. Mr. Galligan said he would research the testing fees. Mr. Sadick estimates it at \$20,000.00. Therefore, Nicole Klarides-Ditria recommends not taking the alternates into consideration since it is not an option due to lack of funds.

Mr. Sponheimer asked what happens if the funds are not available for the track. Mr. Sadick recommended that if that were to happen, then a latex overlay be applied to the current track to brighten it up. He estimates that to cost around \$100,000.00 - \$200,000.00 roughly. Mr. Galligan agrees with that as a good worst-case option to have.

If he were to bid out the latex overlay, Mr. Sadick said there are companies that just do latex and don't do urethane and he will have to word it so that can happen. Mr. Galligan will put two bids out. One for Polyurethane and one for Latex.

Item number 8 was then closed.

ITEM#9 Make recommendation to Board of Selectman regarding bleacher bids.

A Motion to Approve E & D Specialty Stands Inc. bid at \$370,000.00 per engineer Jim Galligan.

Motion: Jack Liedke, Second: Sean Walsh

Motion: Vote 7- Yes 0-No

Item number nine was then closed.

ITEM#10 Committee Member Comments

Paul Roy: No comment

Jay Hatfield: Next Board of Ed meeting Richard Kearns, Director of Security, Seymour Public Schools should give an overview on security measures or changes to get it on the record. Suggest Chatfield Park walking track versus High school track. Recommends shovels in ground to encourage positive feedback.

Paul Sponheimer: Questioned if the project was moving forward with regards to the track. Suggest French Park tennis courts versus high school courts. No sprinkler heads in end zones if a space needs to be dug out.

Tim Sadick: No comment

Sean Walsh: Asked if the state approved the site work contractor. Questioned the security on the grounds and traffic while kids are arriving and leaving schools. Questioned if signage would be installed once staking began. Suggested a handout to school kids explaining the grounds are off limits. Let Dennis know where the sprinkler heads are.

Nicole Klarides-Ditria: Set up a meeting with Mr. Belden, Mr. Galligan and Richard Kearns. Asked how soon after contracts are signed before Earthworks can get started.

Jack Liedke: No Comment

Item nine was then closed.

ITEM #11: Adjournment

A Motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

Motion: Sean Walsh Second: Paul Sponheimer

Vote: 7-Yes 0 No

Respectfully Submitted, Angela Chernesky