



North Shore Schools

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BOE Meeting Summary

February 17, 2011

HS Track & Field Update

Part I

Discussion/Presentations:

Update: NS High School Track and Field

Architects Present Recommendations



ARCHITECTS PRESENTATION

On February 17th, Joseph Rettig from BBS Architects and Ron Tetelman from Eberlin & Eberlin Architects presented their recommendations for the high school track and field. **At this Board of Education meeting, the two architects recommended installing an artificial Mondo surface which has a longer life expectancy and requires less maintenance during its approximate 20 year life span.**

Director of Athletics Don Lang said, “This surface is not only cost effective but the best surface for our Athletics program and our teams. It would open up practice times and additional opportunities for all of our students.” He reminded those in the audience that the current grass field continued to have drainage problems and limited practice schedules in the fall and spring seasons. In addition, he reviewed the safety and injury reports and explained that with a turf field there is more playing time and a lower instance of ACL injuries.

It was noted that any electricity associated with the project was for security cameras, low level pedestrian lighting to and from the field, and for a basic concession stand for grilling hotdogs and hamburgers. **The plans *did not* include any sports lighting.** The architects confirmed that conduits were not built-in at this time since they can be laid at a later date without disruption to the field.

FUNDS FOR THE PROJECT

Olivia Buatsi, Assistant Superintendent for Business, explained that the funds for this project are currently in the capital reserve fund. The community voted in favor of adding the track and field to the approved project list last November 2010. Dr. Melnick added that the Viking Foundation is planning to meet with fundraising consultants to also explore a capital campaign to raise funds for this project.

ESTIMATED TIME FRAME

The architects concluded by reviewing the time frame for the track and field project. **Board of Education President Dr. Igor Webb emphasized that, “Although the money is currently in the capital reserve fund, there must be another community vote to approve the expenditure to begin work on the project.” A decision still needs to be made when this vote can take place.**

The architects said, “If the community approved a referendum to expend the funds on this project in May 2011, the construction could begin in early July. North Shore Schools Athletic activities and games could not be scheduled earlier than October 1st.” Superintendent Melnick concluded by saying, “If the community approves the expenditure of funds for the track & field project in May, we will have a big community event in October combined with homecoming to celebrate the opening of the new North Shore Track and Field!”

Additionally, for the latest budget information, please visit the district website at www.northshoreschools.org. For further information regarding this meeting, please see the North Shore Board of Education Minutes from February 17, 2011 at www.northshoreschools.org. Complete BOE Minutes are available in the Central Office at 112 Franklin Avenue, Sea Cliff.

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