

MINUTES: Meeting of the Monona Grove School District, Athletic Field Use Ad Hoc Committee held in the Monona Grove High School IMC, June 12, 2008, Starting at 4:00 P.M.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Morris Haukereid, Sharon Henes, Pat Mackesey, Susan Manning, Rich Plier, Tory Pomeroy, Carl Pulvermacher, Jim Smecko, Mike Stassi, Kris Tudor, Jeff Vitense, Dan Zweifel

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Bob Benitez, Derrick Daggett, Dennis Davidson, Angie Fassl, Pat Marsh, Brian Storms, Jeff Thompson, Jacob Tisue

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT: Gary Schumacher, Mary Ellen Van Valin, Mark Scullion, Jeff Schreiner

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I. Opening of Meeting – Mary Ellen Van Valin, Director of Business Services

Mary Ellen Van Valin opened the meeting at 4:00 P.M. in the Monona Grove High School IMC

II. Declaration of Public Notice - acknowledged

III. Approval of Minutes Dated January 16 and February 27, 2008

Sharon Henes moved approval of the minutes of the Athletic Field Use Ad Hoc Committee dated January 16 and February 27, 2008. Rich Plier seconded and the motion carried.

IV. Tour and Discussion of John Klement Stadium

Committee members left the IMC at 4:05 P.M. to tour the John Klement Stadium.

V. Reconvene to IMC at Monona Grove High School

Committee members returned to the IMC at 4:30 P.M.

VI. Discussion and Update on Outcome of March Board of Education Meeting – Gary Schumacher

Mary Ellen Van Valin began the meeting by reading the minutes from the Board of Education meeting when the Committee report was given on March 12, 2008.

Gary Schumacher, Superintendent, stated the athletic fields for 2008-2009 will remain status quo. He further stated he felt artificial turf was still an option but funding would be difficult using school district funds as the district is facing a budget deficit for the upcoming school year.

VII. Discussion and Update on Glacial Drumlin School Fields – Gary Schumacher

Gary Schumacher stated Glacial Drumlin School will have playing fields ready in the fall. The Village of Cottage Grove is installing fencing and working on the playing fields for softball.

Committee members discussed the next steps that should be taken if a referendum would be held for funding of high school athletic complex modifications (artificial turf, track, press box). Dates were discussed if the Committee would be recommending a November referendum date.

VIII. Discussion and Update on Spring Use of Ahuska Park – Jeff Schreiner

Jeff Schreiner stated Ahuska Park was used for spring soccer and they did not encounter any significant complaints from visiting school districts or our staff but several issues were discussed regarding the use of Ahuska Park. Being able to use Ahuska Park allowed the high school football field some extra time to rest from constant use.

The meeting was delayed because of a storm and Committee members moved to the Teachers Lounge.

The meeting continued in the Teachers Lounge with some Committee members leaving at that time.

IX. Discussion and Update on Fireman's Park – Jacob Tisue

Jacob Tisue was not in attendance and could not report on this agenda item.

X. Discussion and Establishment of Plan for Committee's Upcoming Tasks

Mary Ellen Van Valin reviewed calendar dates that would need to be met to enable a November referendum: Information for a possible referendum would need to go to the Business Services Committee in July/August and to the Board of Education in August/September to enable the district to meet the 45 day requirement for placing a referendum question(s) on the November ballot.

It was suggested a small committee be formed to begin the process of writing the question(s) for the ballot. The following individuals would be involved: Mark Scullion, Jeff Schreiner, Rich Plier, Jeff Thompson, Mike Stassi, Brian Storms, and Jim Smecko. Mark Scullion will be meeting with Rettler to put together a plan and obtain costs for the project.

Sharon Henes volunteered to take care of any public relations matters (brochures, etc).

Mary Ellen Van Valin stated she would be sending a timeline that would need to be followed if a referendum question(s) would be offered to the electorate in November.

XI. Establish Next Meeting Date – July 16, 2008, Monona Grove Schools, District Office, 4:00 P.M.

XII. Adjournment

Because of the weather, the meeting was adjourned at 5:45 P.M.