



NORTH MIDDLESEX REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
ATHLETIC ALTERNATIVE SUBCOMMITTEE
Ashby – Pepperell – Townsend, Massachusetts

MINUTES – JULY 30, 2019

PRESENT

Chairperson

Randee Rusch
Craig Hansen
Susan Robbins
Heidi Messing
Gary Shepherd
Oscar Hills
Brad Morgan
Cameron Fisk

Chairman
Member, Pepperell
Member, Townsend ~ Arrived at 8:20 a.m.
Building Committee
Building Committee ~ Absent
Facilities Director ~ Absent
Superintendent ~ Remote attendance
Athletic Director

ALSO PRESENT

CALL TO ORDER

Randee Rusch called the meeting to order at 7:40 a.m.

MINUTES

Heidi Messing motioned and Craig Hansen seconded to approve the July 16, 2019, minutes as amended.

Amendments: Randee should be listed as Chair, Craig as Pepperell member, Oscar as Facilities Director

NEW BUSINESS

The need for baseball /softball dugouts

Review of Storage options:

- Storage being built - Building committee is in the process of collecting bids for the Sheds.
- Additional existing storage possibilities - Discussion about the efficient use of current indoor storage closets/areas. Heidi to provide a spreadsheet on all existing closets in the HS along with the original storage equipment needs spreadsheet. Cam and Randee will do an inventory of the closets with use and available room. Will look at organization of the storage area, how often equipment is being used (1x/yr. such as project grad, etc.).

Talk about possibility of renting space at PF if necessary.

- Additional new storage proposals - Discussion of building new or repurposing areas for storage.
- Build addition by the loading dock for athletic large outdoor equipment (i.e. track field events)
- Using 1 bay of the maintenance garage next to turf for sports equipment that is hard to move and needs climate control(i.e. pole vault mats) (use wall an elevated storage options?)
- Baseball and softball dugouts with storage - Look for tech project or Eagle Scout??

Review gym space needs: Discussion about NM gym needs for sports and gym classes concluded that we have space in the district (not necessarily at the HS). Town needs are a challenge to meet at the levels previously done.

Discuss Indoor vs. Outdoor gym space: Heidi provided a basic cost estimate for 3 outdoor multisport courts with a walking path around it. The \$477,000 cost is significantly less than the \$2-3 million dollar option for an indoor option. Other pros to an outdoor space is the availability to the community outside of school hours at no cost. Also having a walking path is something that the community has been asking for. Heidi will provide a site plan with proposed

Committee agreed to hold the next meeting on August 21, 2019, at 7:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Craig Hansen and seconded by Heidi Messing to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 a.m.

Vote: Motion unanimously passed.

Respectfully submitted, Randee Rusch

APPROVED: September 11, 2019