

The Barnstable School Committee met for a Workshop on Tuesday, October 21, 2014, in the Barnstable Town Hall Hearing Room. Present were Chair Margeaux Weber, Vice-Chair Stephanie Ellis, and Committee members Chris Joyce, Patrick Murphy and Fran McDonald. Also present were Dr. Mary Czajkowski, Kristen Harmon and Bill Butler.

Core Values

Ms. Weber recited the Core Values of the Barnstable School System.

Tonight's School Committee Workshop Agenda

- Master Plan for BHS Athletic Fields "Field of Dreams"
- School Committee Goals and Objectives

Field of Dreams

- Dr. Czajkowski gave a brief overview of the condition of fields. A comprehensive study was approved by the School Committee appropriating \$15000 in funds to CDM Smith. John Kissida and David Young from CDM Smith are here tonight to discuss their findings and plan.
- Mr. Kanyock spoke of the meetings discuss the layout, upgrades, and overall best plan for the athletic teams and the community.
- Mr. Kissida discussed their findings and the master plan.
 - Scope: utilized data collection, site analysis and staff workshops. A master plan was developed that expands the potential of fields, meets current needs, improves user safety and meets MIAA standards.
 - Goals: work with town staff for a master plan; determine costs and phases of development.
 - Existing Conditions: high school in need of three fields for many sports: baseball, softball, soccer, field hockey, lacrosse, etc.
 - Master Plan: multiple fields, seating, parking, bathrooms, walkways, fencing and lighting.
 - Phase I: Varsity baseball field, rectangle multi-purpose turf field and infield of softball field.
 - Phase II: Varsity and JV softball fields and the JV Baseball/rectangle field.
 - Phase III: JV/Freshman softball/rectangle field and additional rectangle field.
 - Approximate cost of Phase I: 4 million to include artificial turf multi-purpose field, Varsity baseball natural turf field, lights for both, rest rooms and spectator area.
 - Next steps: review Master Plan and Phase 1, costs, commence fundraising, implementation schedule and appropriate funding for Phase I design.
- Mr. Joyce asked what the length of time would be for the baseball complex from start to finish. Mr. Kissida responded that they would start in the summer after school and it would take 4-5 months to complete, but you'd lose the field for 1 year. Ms. Weber asked if the time would be shorter if artificial turf was used and Mr. Kissida answered yes, but there would be a premium.
- Ms. Weber asked why the rectangle field is artificial turf. Mr. Kissida answered there would be more use on that field. Baseball field doesn't get used as much as it is only used in spring.
- Mr. McDonald asked about using artificial turf on the entire baseball field to be a multi-purpose field and use a roll out mound. Why is the priority a baseball field and not the multi-purpose field? Is there a cost breakdown for each phase and sub-phase? Mr. Kissida answered that they don't want to mix artificial turf with other loose materials. There would have to be changes in the lighting, fences and dugouts. The baseball field has other uses in the community. There is a cost breakdown for Phase I, but not for the other Phases because the project is hard to calculate the costs in present day terms. Scott Thomas added that the baseball field is in terrible condition and something needs to be done. This is the reason the project was started.
- Mr. Murphy asked what are the 1 or 2 elements of this project that are the most expensive. Mr. Kissida answered the artificial turf rectangle field would be \$900,000, baseball field would be \$800,000, restroom would be \$400,000 and field lighting would be \$650,000.
- Mr. Ellis asked where the teams currently play that will use the rectangle field in Phase I. Mr. Kissida answered they play in the stadium. Ms. Ellis asked why their field was a priority when they have a place to play. Mr. Kissida answered in Phase II they are taking out 2 rectangle fields, so the Phase I rectangle artificial turf field will have the needed capacity.
- Ms. Weber stated this Workshop is just a start. The next steps are to look into fund sources and create a timeline.

- Mr. Murphy stated that a Sub-Committee should be formed to set up the priorities. Ms. Weber and Mr. Joyce will form the Sub-Committee.

School Committee Goals and Priorities

- Dr. Czajkowski stated the School Committee approved their current goals on August 14, 2012. The goals are aligned with our District Goals. Dr. Czajkowski went through each goal to see what measurement indicators have been completed and what is still outstanding. Plan is to have revised and updated goals for 2014-21015 at the November or December School Committee Meeting.

Workshop was adjourned at 8:39 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

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