

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF
GENESEO COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL
DISTRICT #228 BOARD OF EDUCATION
648 N. CHICAGO STREET
GENESEO, ILLINOIS
HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2014, AT 6:30 P.M.
IN THE GENESEO DISTRICT OFFICE MEETING ROOM**

PRESENT:

H. DeBrock
D. Ford
J. Puentes
B. Snodgrass
A. VanDeWoestyne

ALSO PRESENT:

Scott Kuffel, Superintendent
Tim Gronski, CSBO

ABSENT:

C. Coleman
J. Mickley

1. President Ford called the special meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Roll call was taken with five members present (Ford, Snodgrass, Puentes, DeBrock, VanDeWoestyne), two absent (Coleman, Mickley).

2. ProjectLEAF Work

- A. Motion by VanDeWoestyne, seconded by Puentes to approve the minutes of the October 27, 2014, Special Meeting

Motion carried by roll call vote of five ayes (Snodgrass, Puentes, DeBrock, VanDeWoestyne, Ford), two absent (Coleman, Mickley).

- B. Review options provided by architects on October 27

- i. Board of Education would like to use the existing footprint, or a footprint that exists within our current high school property to reinvent the Fine Arts space. This could include relocating the facility on our property, so long as we are not planning on the need for purchase of other homes, additional property, etc. The capacity desired would be in the 650-900 range, and the BOE is not opposed to the tiered system discussed as it allows for changes in audience while still giving the feel of being full.

Parking is still a concern and the desire is for the architect to pursue options to help the District expand parking for events.

- ii. The BOE is still somewhat mixed on turf field surface for the stadium versus natural grass, and desires more specifics for initial costs, repair costs for an annual budget, and for replacement projections. There was discussion that this could be used more often (PE classes, football practices, marching band every day during the school day, etc.) but it is

not desired to be a "shared surface", meaning soccer games would not be played on the same field as football games. The BOE desires approximately the same seating capacity as currently exists, not less, but not looking necessarily for more. Need to know some more information about what we can do on the visitor's side, though the portables seem to work well now. There was not any dissent on looking at options of flipping the location of the football and soccer fields, but the emphasis is on the best fit for both of those complexes, and replacing the current track with an 8-lane track.

Discussion about tennis courts was that this would be a tertiary priority, and we could reserve space for such a project, but that it would probably not be in the initial phase of construction. Consideration of approaching the City to fund an additional 6 courts at Richmond Hill was initiated.

- iii. For Northside School the BOE agreed that an All Purpose Room is a priority, and 6-8 classrooms added to the facility. The BOE would also like to see costs to construct said classrooms to accommodate PK-1 grade students with restrooms built in. This does not automatically initiate "grade center" conversations, but does allow for that possibility should costs come in acceptable to the BOE. This doesn't preclude that a classroom with a restroom and sink could also not be used for any elementary grades.

The BOE is also concerned about the parking at this location and desires a study to try to address congestion and angst for the neighborhood.

- iv. The BOE desires preliminary figures and a general idea of scope of work prior to the December Board meeting (Dec 11th) if possible, but understands that perhaps the January 8th date is more feasible. This would allow them to dedicate a budget for future programming for each component of the work prior to the referendum. The Board is examining best options and effective contracting with architects to move forward with referendum and construction plans.

3. Adjourn Special Meeting

Motion by DeBrock, seconded by Snodgrass to adjourn the special session meeting

Motion carried by roll call vote of five ayes, (Ford, Puentes, Snodgrass, VanDeWoestyne, DeBrock), two absent (Coleman, Mickley).

The meeting was adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

PRESIDENT

SECRETARY