

REGION 9 FACILITIES AND FIELDS COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes
March 28, 2011
Joel Barlow High School – Seminar Room, Library Media Center

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Attendance: Mr. Hocker, Ms. Abrams, Mr. Karvelis, Dr. Shapiro, Mr. Macchio (5:10); Dr. Cicchetti, Mr. McMorran, Ms. Sullivan, Mr. Czudak, Mr. Santangeli; Mr. William Oppenheimer; one member of the public, Susanne Krivit (Redding).

1. Call to Order: Mr. Hocker called the meeting to order at 5:07 pm.
2. Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the meeting of February 8, 2011 were reviewed and approved unanimously. (Karvelis, Shapiro)
3. Public Comment: None.
4. Board Member Comment: None.
5. Discussion and Possible Action:
 - a. Possible Property Exchange: William Oppenheimer, a neighboring property owner, attended at the Committee's invitation to discuss and answer questions about his proposal to exchange a portion of his land for a portion now owned by Region 9. The exchange amounts to approximately 0.2 acres, and the purpose is to facilitate access between two parcels of land owned by Mr. Oppenheimer. Mr. Oppenheimer had previously responded in writing to a letter with questions from Dr. Cicchetti, sent on behalf of the Committee. Mr. Oppenheimer stated that he had no intention to develop the land in the future, but rather to hold it in its current undeveloped state, and was willing to include an appropriate deed restriction. It was noted that access to Mr. Oppenheimer's land could be beneficial for the purpose of science education for Barlow students. After questions and discussion, he agreed within one or two weeks to contact two adjacent neighbors about the proposed exchange, to provide documents relating to his application for development restriction under Public Act 490, and to provide a proposed deed for the exchange that will be reviewed by the district's attorney. Dr. Cicchetti will check further with the district's attorney regarding the proposed transaction.
 - b. Update on Status of Building and Fields: Mr. Czudak led a brief discussion of recent activity pertaining to the high school facilities.
 - Baseball and softball scoreboards were scheduled to begin installation within a week, weather permitting.

- Tennis court surfaces were scheduled for repair, as previously discussed, as soon as warmer weather permitted.
6. Public Comment: Ms. Krivit noted that “Barlow Drive,” which provides vehicular access to her home and others, was not a Town road but rather a school driveway. She noted significant dead areas on Field H. She reported that students had requested to meet with her regarding possible funds from the Connecticut Clean Energy Fund for a solar water fountain in the school sanctuary.
 7. Board Member Comment: Several committee members requested an opportunity to organize a tour of the Oppenheimer property in the future, with Ms. Krivit to lead the tour.
 8. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 5:55 pm (Karvelis, Macchio).

Minutes prepared by Chris Hocker