

REGION 9 FACILITIES AND FIELDS COMMITTEE  
Meeting Minutes  
September 14, 2010  
Joel Barlow High School – Library Media Center

*Filed subject to approval*

Attendance: Mr. Hocker, Dr. Shapiro, Mr. Macchio; Dr. Cicchetti, Ms. Sullivan, Mr. Santangeli, Mr. Czudak; Barry Blades (Blades & Goven); 2 members of the public.

1. Call to Order: Mr. Hocker called the meeting to order at 6:06 pm.
2. Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the meetings of May 18, 2010 were reviewed and approved unanimously. (Shapiro, Macchio)
3. Public Comment: None.
4. Discussion and Possible Action: Mr. Hocker started by noting the personal involvement of Dr. Cicchetti and Mr. McMorran in Barlow facilities and fields issues over the summer, and his appreciation for this.
  - a. Field A Update: Barry Blades of Blades & Goven, designer of the proposed Field A improvements, presented the status of the project. He showed the original approach to the improvements (sand trenching and clay removal, followed by new soil and seed), compared with the current approach (more extensive sand trenching and clay “shattering” and aeration of the entire field, followed by overseeding). The alternative approach was necessary due to higher-than-expected price quotes for the original approach. Mr. Blades expressed confidence that the current approach will meet the goal of improving drainage on Field A. Contractor proposals were distributed indicating that the entire cost of the project, including engineering fees, would be slightly less than the \$40,000 that had been budgeted for the work. The work is expected to be completed in October.

*After discussion, it was moved, seconded, and unanimously approved that the Field A plan be accepted as presented by Blades & Goven and in accordance with proposals received from Innovate Turf Systems and Lunen’s Landscaping.*  
(Macchio, Shapiro)

- b. Ms. Sullivan and Mr. Czudak presented reports on approved capital projects as well as other projects and tasks related to fields and facilities:
  - i. The new lower gym bleachers are scheduled for installation over the Columbus Day weekend, for the budgeted price
  - ii. Building fascia repairs are complete, at approximately \$1,000 under budget

- iii. Tennis court surface repairs will be done this fall for approximately \$5,000 (\$14,000 budget); however, it should be noted that remedial work required for the tennis courts will eventually be more extensive than originally believed, possibly due to design deficiencies. Crack repair is helpful at this time to prevent further deterioration, pending future approval of costs for more extensive work.
  - iv. Boiler control efficiency upgrades have not been implemented; bids for the work are being obtained.
  - v. There has been ongoing major maintenance on the cooling system to resolve a severe problem of calcium buildup.
  - vi. Baseball and softball scoreboards are ready to be installed after final Zoning approval is obtained.
  - vii. The Joel Barlow High School signs at the front of the campus have been fabricated and installed after an original sign had been lost to vandalism.
  - viii. All interior and exterior lighting has been or is being replaced with more energy-efficient lighting systems.
5. Public Comment: Shirley Melnyk of Redding said she was pleased that there was progress on Field A.
6. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 7:11 pm (Shapiro, Macchio).

Minutes prepared by Chris Hocker