

Mendota Township High School
Building Committee Minutes
October 13, 2010
9:00 AM

The Building Committee meeting was held in the high school board room on Wednesday, October 13, 2010 at 9:00 AM. Mr. Bauer called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM. The following were present: Tom Bauer, Jim Lauer, John McKenzie, Jeff Prusator, Steve Wright of DLA, and Denise Aughenbaugh. Community members, Todd Phalen and Bill Corrigan, were also present. There was one member of the media in attendance.

Mr. Bauer opened the meeting by asking Mr. Wright to begin his presentation. Wright handed out a site plan. He explained that from the last meeting, he was given the directive to see how all the stadium components and track events would lay out on the site. He provided a drawing with seating on the home side of approximately 1800 and visitor side of approximately 700. There is an eight lane track, artificial turf, separate outbuildings that include: concessions, restrooms, storage buildings for equipment, and team rooms (both home and visitor rooms).

Wright asked to discuss parking first. He showed that spaces were shown at the bottom of the hill that are not paved and prep stone. There are increments of parking spaces drawn ranging from 77 to an additional 72 (total of 149 spaces) to an additional 74 and finally an additional 79 spaces for an absolute total of 302 parking spaces. Prusator pointed out the dark gray of the road to extend from the vocational building. Wright explained that he considers it an actual paved road, 30' wide with 6' for a walkway or walking lane. Again, the brown areas show stone or prep areas at this point.

Wright explained the interior of the track has four black dots on the drawing that represent the interior of the end zones. These black dots are actually drainage structures that are already present. The prep had been completed with the original construction of the high school.

Short discussion ensued about parking and location.

Bleachers were explained by Wright. He provided a handout that is referred to in the minutes. Page 1 explained a rough layout with initial seating level of four feet above playing surface. He explained this is a good view. To comply with the American with Disabilities Act (ADA) the bleachers are accessible on both sides with handicap ramps. The press box is located on the upper right side of the bleachers. On top of the press box is an open-air structure that could have a wind break and light roof to shed water for coaches filming the game.

The Illinois Accessibility forces the district to make the press box handicap accessible. There is a task force reviewing options. Currently, it appears a press box 25 feet or taller will require an elevator. Wright is still in contact with sources and trying to have a definitive answer to the question of elevator or chair lift. However, after their scheduled 9/30 meeting, no additional information has been released. Lauer asked if it was a question of elevation. Wright answered it was, and a press box height 14 feet or less could be satisfied with a lift. Prusator noted a lower press box would extend the bleachers from goal to goal instead of the current 25 to 25 yard lines. Wright agreed that would not be the best option. The district has to make it accessible, and he feels an elevator will be required. Lauer asked about the cost of an elevator. Wright estimated \$70,000 to \$80,000.

Page 2 of the referenced bleacher handout shows grids with additional entrance and exit points. There would be a total of four points to exit on the home side. The last page of the handout represents the visitor side bleachers. There is one handicap ramp with exits on the left and right sides only. Lauer asked about transportable bleachers for guests. Wright shared handouts from TSP Company with pictures. Wright offered to pursue additional pricing if requested. Wright did not see handicap accessibility on

transportable, but visitor handicap seating could be on the track. Lauer requested pricing of transportable. Bauer asked if it would be in place of the permanent visitor bleachers or a portion. Prusator shared there could be a smaller visitor section with handicap seating and add portable bleachers. Discussion ensued about portables and necessary visitor seating. The consensus of the committee was to have Wright pursue partial permanent visitor bleachers with about 500 seats and then price portable bleachers of about 500 (250 each side of permanent bleachers) additional seats. Bauer asked how wide the seats are drawn. Wright explained they are to code and based on 18 inch seats.

Next, Wright asked to move onto turf. He commonly sees the brand Field Turf fields—approximately 90-95% of fields built now are Field Turf. It would be his recommendation use Field Turf specs and gather bids from two other companies as well. Wright showed two examples of Field Turf, Duraspine Pro, which is the highest grade technology and used on professional fields. The second sample was Prestige, and it is a similar product to what the committee viewed at Lincoln-Way HS. Wright felt the two products are essentially similar with technology from last year compared to this year. The overall cost difference is pennies per square foot.

Wright explained the playing field is 80,000 square feet, and the two D-Zones beyond the end zones are roughly 10,000 square feet. To use rough budget numbers, an estimate of \$10 per square foot to install turf with mat and installation, grading and prep work. The field is around \$800,000, and then depending upon the D-Zones surface, the turf on one end could be \$10,000. Another option would be to use track surface here.

Wright then asked to review the layout of the high jump, long jump, etc. The high and pole vaults are inside the stadium, and the long jump is outside the stadium. The committee was in consensus with this layout. Wright does recommend turf and grass are not mixed, so his recommendation is to turf it all if that is what the board chooses. Prusator asked about the longevity and cost savings in the long run of turf versus track surfaces. Wright explained they are quoting 15 years on field turf, and with good maintenance, turf could last 20-25 years before it is worn out and needs replacement. The track longevity is typically 10-15 years. Discussion ensued about necessary maintenance on turf versus grass.

Wright passed out a handout on the Performance Analysis of turf versus grass. It included a cost analysis and annual maintenance cost. There were also health issues and safety factors included.

The track was discussed next. McKenzie would bring the brand of local tracks to the next meeting. Wright brought one sample of track. He would recommend bidding with two to three companies. The sample was polyurethane, Poly 2000, and the equivalent of the track viewed at Lincoln Way. Wright asked if there was a color preference to the track. Common colors are green, blue, black, and the display color of burnt red. The consensus of the committee was to use the sample color. It was also the committee's recommendation to use a Trojan emblem as the center.

Next, Wright explained the outbuildings. There is storage with two team rooms on either side. Equipment can be stored, and the team rooms are roughly 20 by 25 feet. Prusator asked if they had donations if the rooms could be expanded. Wright felt the location allowed for expansion. McKenzie noted they would have 30-35 players in the rooms, and the current size would be small. Wright asked for Ed Scott's storage needs and the athletic department storage needs overall. Scott also shared the cost of materials to currently maintain the field, and it was \$5300 plus labor and equipment. Additional cost was also paid to Taylor Turf. Prusator will get a complete list of storage needs to Wright. Ed Scott was invited into the meeting to share with Wright equipment storage needs.

Wright then discussed washrooms. They are based on plumbing codes and can accommodate 3000 people. Discussion ensued about rearranging concessions and restrooms. It was decided to keep the locations as drawn.

Wright explained the perimeter gate would have ample room for double gates for the ambulance service. He asked if the committee wanted a similar concessions set up as seen at Lincoln Way. Prusator

suggested it could be partitioned off for the Booster Club use and storage and general serving. It was agreed that Administration would meet with Booster Club to ask for their commitment and desired involvement in the concessions building. Wright will be informed of their decision.

Wright asked if the committee wanted to pursue the Thorguard lightning detection. It was agreed that would be considered later. Bauer asked if there would be consideration to blacktop 77 parking spaces and keep gravel off the field with fewer parking spots. The back parking lot attached to the school has 160-180 spots. After discussion, consensus was reached to price 150 spots. There would be two prices: one for asphalt and one for gravel.

Musco lighting was discussed next. Wright explained the recommended illumination settings from Musco and provided a handout. The stadium would need four-80 foot poles (two home sides and two visitor side). Prusator asked if a couple of lights could be thrown towards the track field events. The additional lighting could provide night track meets and additional playoff practice time on the grass field. Bauer also asked about parking lot lighting. Wright would pursue both.

Wright asked McKenzie to report out on his scoreboard research. McKenzie shared the Nevco high end was \$24,000. It would be soccer, track and football scoreboard. The low end would be \$14,000. His recommended scoreboard is the Nevco 7525 series. McKenzie also reviewed FairPlay. A wireless console was included in both series. Prusator stated the color should match baseball and softball with purple and white. Wright would run power for the 7525 series.

Next, Wright handed out the proposed project schedule from DLA. He asked if everyone was comfortable with the general site plan, and the committee was in agreement. McKenzie asked if they had the financial opportunity to provide locker rooms, where could they be located? Wright did not currently design for locker rooms, and he expressed a need to know as soon as possible to allow for adequate water and sewer. He explained a locker room addition would bump the need for the size of feeds. He noted that it can be accommodated, but there is a short time-frame to know and finalize. A two week limit was requested and agreed upon. Prusator asked for general cost estimation. Wright explained 50 lockers would cost \$200 per locker, so the lockers alone would cost \$10,000. McKenzie agreed to speak to the potential donor, and Prusator explained the need for a firm financial commitment before incurring additional costs. Lauer asked if we have been public enough to solicit donations. Discussion continued.

Wright shared a goal to put out to bid by February 1st. The timelines may be contingent to bleachers. The order to the bleacher company would be needed in February to ship in June and install by August 1st. Bauer asked about the timeline and competitive bids. Wright explained the field turf itself would increase in cost if pricing extended into 2012. It is possible to have contractors bid in February and give them until 2012 to complete. Bidding timeline could be flexible. It was agreed that Wright would write in a line-item to see if time factor could lower the bid. It was agreed to look at three optional dates on bids of August 2011, July 2012, and August 2012. A complete project schedule was presented by Wright to the committee.

At 11:05 AM, Bauer made a motion to adjourn. It was seconded by Lauer. By acclamation, the meeting was concluded.

Following the meeting, Wright and Prusator met with Carolyn Pollard to secure her concessions requests and recommendations.

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise Aughenbaugh, Principal