

# City of Derby - Board of Education

## Field House and Baseball Field Building Committee

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November 21, 2019

Derby Middle School Cafetorium

73 Chatfield Street

### Present Field House and Baseball Field Building Committee Board Members:

Dr. Matthew Conway

Mr. Edward Armeno

Mr. Anthony DeFala

Mr. Ted Estwan

Mr. Dan Foley

Mrs. Laura Harris

Mr. George Kurtyka

Mr. Kenneth Marcucio

### Absent Field House and Baseball Field Building Committee Board Members:

Mrs. Debra Borrelli

Mr. Andrew Cota

Mr. George French

Mr. Jim Gildea

Mrs. Janine Netto

Mrs. Rebecca O'Hara

Mr. Peter Olenoski

Mr. Martin Pascale

Mrs. Casey Picheco

Mr. Charles Sampson

### **CALL TO ORDER**

#### **Pledge of Allegiance**

**Roll Call** Taken at 5:35 p.m.

### **PUBLIC PORTION**

Mr. DeFala stated that as the committee's work is concluding he wanted to express how he enjoyed working with everyone and he acknowledged the extraordinary achievement that was accomplished by the committee with the construction of the J R Payden Field House and Payden Park.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Motion Passed:** That the minutes of October 17, 2019 be approved, as written by Anthony DeFala and second by Ted Estwan. Motion carried unanimously.

## **PRESSBOX WALKWAY**

After the ribbon cutting ceremony, Ms. Payden watched the game from the press box. A few days later she contacted Dr. Conway and stated that the pressure treated railing should be replaced with a better railing system of vinyl or manufactured wood and that the stone dust on the path should be changed to a cement pathway. Dr. Conway expressed to her that the materials are adequate but she insisted upon obtaining a quote. Turner Construction was contacted and they submitted a quote that seemed too expensive to pursue. Dr. Conway is reaching out to local contractors to obtain quotes on the project.

## **APPROVAL OF INVOICES**

Mr. Estwan confirmed that all invoices have been reviewed and verified by the Finance Director. Mr. Izzo noted the great detail of the review by contractor and himself prior to presentation to the committee.

**Motion Passed:** That the Field House and Baseball Field Building Committee approve the Special Testing Laboratories, Inc. invoice#33539 in the amount of \$1,419.08, by Laura Harris and second by Ted Estwan. Motion carried unanimously.

**Motion Passed:** That the Field House and Baseball Field Building Committee approve the Special Testing Laboratories, Inc. invoice#33538 in the amount of \$276.27, by Laura Harris and second by Ted Estwan. Motion carried unanimously.

Both of the Special Testing Laboratories invoices were testing of the concrete installed for the press box.

**Motion Passed:** That the Field House and Baseball Field Building Committee approve Kaestle Boos invoice #17015.03-13 in the amount of \$1,750.00, by Laura Harris and second by Ted Estwan. Motion carried unanimously.

**Motion Passed:** That the Field House and Baseball Field Building Committee approve Kaestle Boos invoice #17015.03-12 in the amount of \$12,775.00, by Laura Harris and second by Anthony DeFala. Motion carried unanimously.

**Motion Passed:** That the Field House and Baseball Field Building Committee approve the Turner Construction application #18 reference 90744645 in the amount of \$326,875.04, by Laura Harris and second by Ted Estwan. Motion carried unanimously.

The Turner Construction invoice payment covers most of the remaining payment with the retainage still in place until the punch list is completed. Payment for the press box construction is also substantially complete.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

Dr. Conway continues to communicate with Ms. Payden regularly and he intends on visiting her once her new offices are completed.

Parks and Recreation Director Dennis O'Connell arrived. He and the members discussed the maintenance needs of the new facility and the remaining items on the punch lists. Mr. O'Connell indicated that the ventilation in the bathrooms by the great room were studied and the determination is that the installed ventilation meets the stipulated calculations in the design. Mr. Izzo noted that the locker room area ventilation is still being reviewed and adjusted. The contractor is also looking at the issues of drainage in the locker room showers.

Mr. DeFala noted that the press box is not insulated and will not be used in the summer. He is concerned that there should be ventilation installed to deal with the heat absorption in the summer months. It was also questioned whether the electronics will remain in the structure. The issue will be further researched.

Replacement of the pitching mound is still being discussed. Notre Dame in West Haven has a similar product and members will be visiting them to see it. Players will be allowed to try the mound and see if the feel is good. If satisfied, the product will be exchanged for the more satisfactory choice. Hopes are that the alternative will be easier to move and place in position.

## **ADJOURN**

**Motion Passed:** That the Field House and Baseball field Building Committee adjourn at 6:05 p.m. Motion by Anthony DeFala and second by Ted Estwan. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted;  
Karen M. Kemmesies

*These minutes are subject to the Commission's approval at their next scheduled meeting.*