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REGION 9 BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL MEETING
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June 14, 2023 – 7:00 p.m.
Minutes

ATTENDANCE

Board of Education members: D’Agostino, Johnston, O’Brien, Graziano, Denny, Pampel, Thompson
Administration: Scrofani
Others: the recording secretary

CALL TO ORDER M. D’Agostino called the Region 9 Board of Education Special meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

BOARD MEMBER COMMENT: None

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: CONSIDERATION TO AUTHORIZE ISSUANCE OF A PURCHASE ORDER FOR THE FIELD IMPROVEMENT CAPITAL PROJECT

M. D’Agostino said that great progress is being made on the new field; that the natural turf has been removed and the grading has begun. He said that “Field Turf Company” needs a signed P.O. in order to proceed with ordering the main material components (turf, lights, etc). He distributed a cost proposal, with graphics, to BOE members and that within the proposal everyone should notice and be aware that the estimate is \$289,000 more than originally planned. M. D’Agostino said that a final number for the project is not yet available because the waste water disposal portion of the project is still being figured out. He also said that the last three items in the proposal, which relate to paving (the Junior lot, driveway and parking lot), are items that could be adjusted in an effort to recoup the \$289,000. A lengthy discussion took place that included: the Town of Redding required additional electrical, reasoning for additional plantings and grass islands (to manage water runoff); what is the status of the fundraising committee portion; whether or not Easton is going to contribute to the project; total dollar amount of the building; any contingency fund; how much to bond; timeline for fundraising & town funds being received; timeline for bonding; amount of cash on hand; manhole covers; permit fees; how not doing the paving would affect the overall project; and, how many spots there are in current parking lot. Within the context of the discussion, M. D’Agostino replied that: the plantings and vegetative islands are based on engineering and standard practice, but that the Town of Redding required more; bleachers and paving were included in the original proposal; there will be a request to get an explanation and better understanding of the fundraising efforts; the Town of Easton has not committed to any funds; total amount of building cannot yet be determined because the waste water disposal portion of the project is not yet finalized; only option is to bond for the

full amount; we were told that the field will be ready for play for the Fall season; manhole covers are included in the project; permit fees are included in the project; not doing the paving does not affect the overall project; and, there are currently approximately 63-65 spots in the parking lot. It was decided to amend the P.O. to state that “grass islands per the submitted design are included in the proposal,” and, “bleachers per the submitted design are included in the proposal.”

Motion: move that the Region 9 Board of Education authorize the Director of Finance to issue a purchase order to Field Turf for the amended proposal for the Field Improvement Capital Project, not to exceed \$3,289,000. (Johnston, Denny). Approved. 7-0.

M. D’Agostino apologized for the lengthy discussion, but said that we need to be thorough and in agreement with our work. Director of Finance, Operations & Technology, Sara Scrofani, gave the timeline for the bonding of the project as: June 21, draw-up paperwork; June 22, rating phone call; June 29, bond sale; July 6, meet again to sign-off on bond sale; and, July 13, closing and funds transferred.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

BOARD MEMBER COMMENT

M. D’Agostino said that it was really nice to once again have graduation on the JBHS property; he said there was good attendance by board members.

Karen O’Brien said that she along with other board members appreciates all the hard work that M. D’Agostino has done on the field improvement project.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: move that the Region 9 Board of Education Special meeting be adjourned. (Denny, Graziano). Approved. 7-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Submitted by Karen O’Brien
Secretary, Region 9 Board of Education

Recorded by,
Sarah Ota