SPECIAL BOARD MEETING CENTRAL BUCKS SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Central Bucks Board of School Directors held a special Board meeting and Public Hearing regarding the proposed CB East Stadium project on Tuesday, March 19, 2013 in the Auditorium of Lenape Middle School with President Stephen Corr presiding. The meeting was called to order by President Corr at 7:03 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Stephen Corr, President; Paul Faulkner, Vice President; John Gamble, Joseph Jagelka, Geryl McMullin, Tyler Tomlinson, Kelly Unger, Jerel Wohl

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

James Duffy

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT

Dr. Rodney Green, Dr. Nancy Silvious, Scott Kennedy, David Matyas

ALSO PRESENT

Sharon Reiner, School Board Secretary

President Corr welcomed everyone to the meeting. He stated that Board members have received many e-mails and appreciates the input both for and against the proposed stadium project.

CB EAST STADIUM PRESENTATION

Dr. Green welcome everyone to the meeting and presented a powerpoint which provided an overview of the proposed CB East Stadium project. Mr. Scott Kennedy, Director of Operations, reviewed the design of the project and Mr. David Matyas, Business Administrator, reviewed the funding of the project.

OUESTIONS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Board members asked many questions including:

What would the District be doing with the \$7M in the Bond Fund if the stadium were not built? Bond money would be used to complete other projects from the district's long term capital project list, such as fixing roofs, paving, and other renovations.

Since there is no sound system in the proposal, would we be able to have graduation in the stadium and have a sound system? We are going to work with Buckingham Township regarding a PA system for the stadium.

Are we paying the 2008 bond debt back? Yes, we began paying the 2008 principal and interest in November 2008. We can accelerate our principal payments on the 2008 bonds starting in 2018 as those bonds would be callable at that time.

What is the budget figure for the upcoming Holicong renovations? The Holicong project is scheduled in phases with a total cost of \$9M projected.

How long from start to finish will it take for the CB East Stadium to be built? It will take approximately 18 months, weather permitting. It would take six months for the design of the project and about twelve months for the construction.

Why not do Holicong renovations all at once? With students in the building, it is better to do construction in phases. Most work needs to be done in the summer with no students in the building.

What about putting air conditioning in all the buildings? It would be cost prohibitive to install air conditioning in buildings and to handle the increased electrical cost in our budget.

Is there a time limit on the approvals to build the stadium? Construction on the stadium needs to begin by July 2016. If not, the District needs to begin the entire process approval process again with Buckingham Township.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The following people spoke in favor of building the stadium: Abe Lucabaugh, Steve Curtis, on behalf of Larry Greene; Jon Forrest, Buckingham Township Supervisor; Maggie Rash, on behalf of the Buckingham Township Board of Supervisors; Megan Terrenzoni, on behalf of Representative Bernie O'Neill; Julia Schoenewald, President of Student Council spoke on behalf of the CB East student body; Sam Losarelli, Jeff Lawson, Bob Robinson, Bob Herdzik, Len Ventresca, Harry Veni, Bill Boger, Rob Loughery, Bucks County Commissioner, Jim Udinski, Wendy Schneider, Ashley Reed, Don Veix, Jon Schneider, Kevin Milici, Bruce McKissock, Samantha Robinson, Steve Aronoff, Kristin, a student at Cold Spring; George Jackson, Andrew Degatano, Nicole Pearson, David Wood.

The following people had some concerns, asked questions, or were opposed to building the stadium: Barbara Donohue, Helen Haun, Denise Bojozk, Ray Trimber, Dan Hilferty, Michele, and Peter.

OUESTIONS/COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Dr. Green and several Board members thanked the community for coming to the meeting and appreciated their comments. The powerpoint as well as additional questions and answers will be posted on the website. Please monitor the website for additional information.

There being no further business before the Board, motion by Jerel Wohl, supported by Joseph Jagelka, to adjourn at 9:10 p.m.

Motion Approved 8-0.

Respectfully submitted,

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Sharon L. Reiner Board Secretary

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