

**BOARD OF EDUCATION SUBCOMMITTEE
BUDGET & FACILITIES MEETING
Meeting Minutes
Monday, March 21, 2016
8:15 a.m. Daly Annex**

Attendance: BOE Members – Karen Sloan, Larry Greenstein, Beth Weisburd, Alan Baer, Chris Nadolne, Nora Johnson, Dr. Kathleen Mooney, Superintendent of Schools; Mary Callahan, Assistant Superintendent for Business; and Stephanie Joannon, Director of Athletics, Curt Coronato, BBS Architects. Approximately six residents also attended.

Meeting was called to order at 8:15 a.m.

Turf Fields:

Mary Callahan introduced Curt Coronato from BBS Architects to committee members. Mr. Coronato provided facts to the committee pertaining to infill differences for the districts athletic fields. According to his findings, Mr. Coronato recommended that the encapsulated crumb rubber, light brown in color, cools down faster. Air temperature affects the performance of student athletes and test results have proven this product to be safe for athletes especially in very hot temperatures. After he offered his professional opinion, many detailed questions were answered. The committee will discuss the matter further and make a final determination at the April 7 Board of Education Meeting.

Budget 2016-17 Discussion:

The committee discussed budget options that would best serve the district's needs. If the District adopts the .85% allowable levy, the additional ESL staffing is mandated and will have to be funded by reallocating classroom teachers in different schools and/or reducing dollars in non-mandated programs (such as Guidance, library services or PEP). No other new staffing will be included and some classes will exceed Board policy maximum numbers.

Additionally, the district has recently learned that the state funded grant that supports the after school ESL Star Program will not be renewed for the 2016-17 school year. In order to serve this growing population of students, this district will design a similar program to help accommodate the needs of the students in this area. The program currently supports 90 students and the Board will decide if funding will be built into the district's budget. Supplementary funding may be requested from non-profit organizations such as The Ed Foundation.

The meeting ended at 9:45 a.m.

Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, April 6, 2016 at 8:15 a.m. – Daly Annex Conference Room.