

M I N U T E S
Mason Consolidated Schools
Meeting of the Buildings & Grounds Committee

Proposed
April 11, 2013

Buildings & Grounds Committee

On April 11, 2013, the Buildings & Grounds Committee held a meeting in the Superintendent's Office at Mason High School. The meeting began at 8:15 a.m.

Committee Members Present:	Fowler, Larrow, Clark
Committee Members Absent:	None
Also Present:	Drewyor, Strick, Billegas, Bates, McGarry

Review/Approval of Agenda

It was moved by Fowler, supported by Clark to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 3:0.

Old Business

Review of the minutes from the March 7, 2013 meeting

- There were no changes.

New Business

Varsity baseball lights

- Mr. Billegas stated that he received a letter regarding upgrading the boxes that turn the baseball field lights on. He stated that 5 or 6 years ago, not using the lights was discussed as a budget cut, as it costs \$150-\$200 per game to run the lights. He said that the lights haven't been used in years. Mr. Billegas stated that he thinks we need to inspect the poles to see if they need to be pulled out or not.
- Mr. Bates agreed that safety is a concern. He stated that if the poles are safe, Chad Henning would look at the boxes. Mike LaPointe has a truck that can be used to change the lights. There would be no charge to the District. The baseball program would pay for the replacement bulbs. Mr. Drewyor asked about liability issues with the work that would be done. He also stated that the project could become a Title IV issue, per the District's attorney. Mr. Bates stated that the girls have running water and that they are getting sprinklers on their field. Mrs. Clark stated that it needs to be researched. She also asked how many games extend into the evening hours. Mr. Bates estimated that the lights would be needed 4-5 times and would only be used by the varsity team. Mrs. Larrow asked if the boys and girls team would need an equal amount of light poles. Mr. Drewyor stated that the same luminosity is needed. Mrs. Larrow asked if fundraisers would help to get lights in the plan for the girls. Mrs. Clark responded that she has heard of a case where a lawsuit was filed because a girls' team received upgrades prior to the boys' team receiving the upgrades. Mrs. Larrow suggested that pole safety be examined and that research be done for the girls' field. Mrs. Clark stated that we need more information.
- Mr. McGarry stated that the liability issue is a good point. He stated that Mr. LaPointe is bonded through his company. Mr. McGarry stated that the lights would not be used all of the time, and that the lights would just allow us to complete our baseball games. Late games wouldn't be purposely scheduled. He likes the idea of investing in lights for the girls' team, also, and that having lights could separate us from other schools. He stated that he is surprised that the non-use of the baseball lights was a budget cut, since track and football use

lights. He said it would be nice to bring back the lights for the kids and the community.

- Mrs. Larrow stated that she would like to find out the costs for lights for the girls. Mr. Drewyor stated that we just need to make sure we comply with the law. Ms. Strick confirmed that eliminating the lights was a budget cut sometime between 2005 and 2007. Mr. Billegas asked that the poles be checked, and then the project could be researched. Mrs. Fowler likes the idea of the lights, but that the poles need an inspection. Mr. Billegas stated that the District can get the inspection, possibly through the District's insurance company.
- It was decided that the item be put on hold so that more information can be gathered. The project should not move forward, and the item needs to come back to the Buildings & Grounds committee.

Boy Scout Projects for Middle School and High School

- Mr. Billegas stated that a project to upgrade the front of the Middle School has been started. He stated that the work looks nice. He thinks that the fence covering the pipes might be a little too high, and could be trimmed down.
- At the High School, posts are being added behind the school so that cars don't drive on the cross-country course. Posts will also be added by the baseball field, and a gate might also be added. The posts will be 4 feet high. There will be no reflectors on the posts.
- The Committee is agreeable to the projects.

Public Comment

Mr. Billegas stated that the YMCA is willing to put on a lifeguarding class for 6 or more people. The cost is \$210 for non-members of the YMCA, and \$185 for members. Aaron Carner also could put on a class for 4 people, at a maximum cost of \$300.

Adjournment

At 9:07 a.m., the meeting was adjourned.