

NORTHERN HUMBOLDT UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

Public Meeting

The Public is invited to attend an open meeting on the AHS Physical Education Fields

Thursday, August 2, 2018

Arcata High School Library
6:00 p.m.

Based on Board Member attendance this meeting may also be a
Special Meeting of the Board

MINUTES

*In the event that a majority of the Board does not attend this meeting, it will proceed as called by the Superintendent.

1.0 OPEN SESSION

Board members present: Brian Lovell, Dana Silvernale and Colleen Toste.
Absent: Jennifer Knight and Brian Gerving

Others present: Roger Macdonald, Superintendent; Cindy Vickers, Director of Fiscal Services; Devin Conway, Wes Downing, Merritt Ford, Jim Monge, Dave Navarre, Jared O'Barr, Tammy Pires, James Washington, and Denise Ziegler.

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENTS

2.1 Agenda Items

Individuals will have an opportunity to speak on items on the agenda before Board discussion on that item. Individual speakers shall be allowed three minutes to address the Board on each agenda or non-agenda item. The Board shall limit the total time for public input on each item to twenty minutes.

3.0 DISCUSSION ITEMS

3.1 Discussion and presentation regarding the Measure Q AHS physical education field project
Roger Macdonald shared the purpose of tonight's meeting.

Verde Design presented information regarding field design, costs, and current challenges. The process began in spring of 2017. Surveying and reviewing was initial focus. Through that process the culvert showed to be one of the challenges for structure due to unknown life expectancy. Financial limitations and wetland concerns affect project. ADA codes and parking are a concern as well. Based on all these concerns and district/site "wish list", designs were developed.

Slides of designs were presented. District has researched and determined if the culvert failed, our insurance would not cover costs of damage and repairs. That is concern because we do not know the "life" left in the culvert and if we are building upon it or putting heavy equipment on it, what risks do we have? Concern with water and drainage during wet months create structure issues. Structures would have to be raised a foot above the ground level to address that issue.

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Current design concept addresses removing items off of the culvert. Changes the baseball field size but increased footage may be possible. Discussion about parking issues and what team sports would have the ability to have home games on these fields. Increased traffic will be a high priority with the City of Arcata as well.

Measure Q funds left for this project are close to \$3 million. Current design with all items is estimated to be \$9 million. Colleen Toste questioned what we'd save by eliminating the extra parking. That would save us \$1 million. Currently we can only afford to do the track/field area. Synthetic fields would cost additional amount of \$1 million versus turf. Board already determined they were not going to do synthetic fields. Project duration is estimated to be six months.

Board will be meeting next week to discuss possibility of asking community for another bond to fund the additional costs along with other facility needs. Verde Design believes we are better to wait until we have the funds to do the project in one piece versus piecing out the project over several phases which will lead to additional costs.

Brian Lovell stated that we need to consider the importance of creating educational value of these fields. Extra-curricular sports benefiting from the fields is just "icing on the cake."

4.0 ADJOURNMENT at 7:41 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

**Roger Macdonald, Secretary
Board of Trustees**

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