

**Cardinal Stadium “Project Big Red” Committee Meeting Minutes  
GREENWICH PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**DATE:** 12-5-2019

**PLACE:** Havemeyer Building, 290 Greenwich Avenue, Greenwich, CT 06830  
Staff Development Room

**ATTENDANCE:**

Stephanie Cowie, First Selectman’s Advisory Committee for People with Disabilities  
Laura Erickson, BET  
Tim Coughlin, Parks and Recreation  
Katie Deluca, Planning and Zoning  
Jim Michel, Department of Public Works  
Amy Siebert, Department of Public Works  
Susan Fahey, RTM  
Rob Burton, Greenwich Athletic Foundation

**BOE Member:**

Joe Kelly

**BOE Administration:**

Toni Jones, Superintendent  
Dan Watson, Director of Facilities  
Sean O’Keefe, Chief Operating Officer  
Gus Lindine, Athletic Director

**Architect:**

Russ Davidson, KG & D

**Other:**

Joe Siciliano, Parks and Recreation

**1. Meeting Opening**

Call to Order – 3:30 pm  
Introductions

**2. Review of Board of Education Prior Work and Additional Information**

The architect reviewed Plan F, which had been presented to the BOE at a previous meeting. Basic sketches were provided of how a combination of Plan F and F+ could be developed. F+ was a design which recently emerged from the GAF which expanded the locker room on the home side and moved the 2nd team room to the visitor side bleachers. Each element of the plan was discussed for pro’s and con’s.

The architect shared that It is believed that digging down 8 feet due to the grade of the land on the visitor side could be problematic, especially given the water table challenges. Town of Greenwich staff agreed with that analysis, especially given that the area is also right next to the wetlands. Concerns that

the water table challenges experienced with the MISA project and orchestra pit were referenced as a project having a similar issue on the GHS campus.

A proposal to add a stand-alone building on the visitor side which would provide a team locker room and restrooms was well received as an alternate approach to reach the same outcome.

The architect focused attention on the ADA parking, and presented an option for the parking to be adjacent to the field in an area which currently stores the dirt piles. This option was instead of trying to put ADA parking behind the bleachers where space is very compacted now, and will be even more so with the addition of the bleachers and elevator. Either option would require state approval as access is off of East Putnam Avenue and the State 'right of way' area.

A discussion about an emergency access road versus an actual daily use road was also presented. The road did not cut through the tennis courts as it did in previous designs, but ran alongside the courts and to the school's East Putnam Avenue side parking lot. After discussion, the TOG staff encouraged the architect to make the road wider than the code minimum of 20 feet, and to look at no less than 24 feet. There were also concerns shared about the individuals who live in and around the school. The need to make sure that the committee works to address traffic issues was carefully considered in order to be good neighbors.

There was discussion about the estimated cost for the bridge according to the experience of Public Works. The architect is going to do additional work to study the expected estimate for the bridge, which must support fire trucks, ambulances and school buses for emergency traffic.

The architect is going to focus on adjusting the home side bleachers to be one larger size team room, add a ticket booth at the entrance, study the bridge, examine enhancing storage, look at including a ball wall, and price out two options for the road pathway. Before the next meeting the architect will work to refine the budgets for all items.

The group was in agreement that the proposed adjustments were headed in the right direction and look forward to the next meeting to see the updates.

Next meeting is scheduled for December 10, 2019, at 5:00 pm at Havemeyer.

### **3. Adjournment**

Meeting ended at 4:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Toni Jones