

# DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES MEETING #1752 JULY 29, 2019

**Members Present:** 

Leo Lamontagne

Lawrence

Chairperson

Vice Chairperson

Frank Rossi

North Andover

Treasurer

Russell Bourassa Garry Mannion Methuen Lawrence

Members Absent:

Marilyn Fitzgerald

Andover

Barbara Grondine

Methuen

Stephany Infante

Lawrence

Others Present:

John N. Lavoie

Superintendent-Director

Maria Silva Susan Lally Business Manager District Recorder

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Lamontagne called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM with a pledge of allegiance and a moment of silence. He asked members to remember those who protect us around the world. Chairman Lamontagne thanked the committee for adjusting their schedules to attend the meeting.

## 2. STATE CONTRACT

Supt. Lavoie reported that most of the state contract is standard with common language. The changes that were requested by our attorneys were on Attachment "A" surrounding conservation. The big challenge was that the state put a conservation restriction on Phase II which means we could not lease our fields and additionally has to be open to the public. Supt. Lavoie reported that we asked the state if we could put the conservation restrictions on Phase IV which is our wetlands and they agreed. This change will allow us to lease our fields. The state is giving us \$1,225,000.00 which cannot be spent on the project that has already been done. The money needs to be allocated before we do the work. The turf is ready to be put in so we need to get the contract signed before the installation. The original amount offered by the state was \$1,225,000.00 then went to \$1,000,000.00. With the help of our attorney, we were able to go back to the original amount. One member asked if we receive the payment in one big sum. Ms. Silva reported that we send a copy of the check to the state of what we paid and they reimburse GLTS. Supt. Lavoie will act as the authorized officer of the Contractor.

MOTION: Mr. Bourassa moved to Approve and Sign the State Contract

2<sup>ND</sup>: Mr. Rossi VOTE: Unanimous

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#### 3. MERRIMACK COLLEGE LEASE

Supt. Lavoie reported that the Merrimack College Lease has been finalized and signed. One member asked if the contract had a clause that said they could not sublet. Supt. Lavoie reported that it did. Merrimack College wanted to make a change to a five year lease instead of the ten year lease that was originally agreed upon. We did not accept that and Merrimack College agreed and signed a ten year lease. One member asked if this will automatically be

renewed after ten years. Supt. Lavoie reported that Merrimack College can request a renewal after ten years by a certain date.

MOTION: Mr. Mannion moved to go into an agreement with Merrimack College Lease for ten years

2<sup>ND</sup>: Mr. Rossi VOTE: Unanimous

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Discussion: One member asked which field we are leasing and how the scheduling will work. Supt. Lavoie reported that it is our baseball field and that GLTS will always have priority over Merrimack College in regards to scheduling. Merrimack College's Athletic Director, GLTS's Athletic Director and Ms. Bennett will map out the schedule with them. One member asked if they can opt out of the contract. Supt. Lavoie reported only if we do not abide by our end of the contract, otherwise it is stated clearly in the contract that they cannot.

# 4. REVOLVING ACCOUNT

Ms. Silva requested to open a revolving account for STEAM.

MOTION: Mr. Bourassa moved to open up a revolving account for STEAM.

2<sup>ND</sup>: Mr. Rossi VOTE: Unanimous

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### ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Mr. Bourassa moved to adjourn at 5:45p.m.

2<sup>nd</sup>: Mr. Rossi VOTE: Unanimous

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Susan Lally

District Recorder

Respectfully Submitted:

John N. Lavoie

Minutes Reviewed:

Superintendent-Director