



## Board of Education Facilities Advisory Committee

May 4, 2026

Time 6 - 7 PM

Board of Education Room

*Minutes*

### Present:

*Board: B. Bass, M. Walker*

*Administration: L. Raymond, D. Brazil, A. Klaich, P. Mussolini, K. Slentz*

*Community: K. Power, Joe Lucasey, F. Farrington, J. Doherty, K. Arone, B. Turner*

*The committee convened at 6:03 p.m.*

1. Continued review of proposed Springhurst Athletic Fields Upgrades  
*Board members and K. Slentz thanked the committee for their energy and thoughtfulness in the last meeting.*

### 2. Key questions

a. *What are the possible changes to the athletic facilities at Springhurst?*

i. Lights at both fields

1. Is [solar](#) possible?

2. Update from the walkthrough with the contractor

3. Lights at tennis courts

*A. Klaich and D. Brazil updated the committee on the lighting contractor's visit, including the estimated price of installing lights at the turf and softball fields, the locations of the lights on both fields (must be split at the turf with two on each side), the options for the installed lights, and that solar is not an option. D. Brazil will meet with a lighting installer to get additional details and costs.*

*The committee discussed the option of adding lights to the tennis courts and the walkway lighting that would be required for safety and visibility. K. Powers asked what the estimated impact of the lights would be on the district's electric bill. Administration will review this with area districts that have recently added LED lights to their fields.*

*D. Brazil noted that a conduit and a trench current exist and terminate between the two fields. The district will need to*

*have an engineer determine what is possible with this infrastructure.*

*The committee discussed whether the lights would impact the location of the bleachers and whether they could be moved for better visibility. The district will explore this option and report back.*

*The committee discussed additional parking below the softball field. D. Brazil discussed the possibility of clearing the area and adding a gravel surface to park on.*

*The committee discussed viewing the tennis courts, softball fields, and turf field as one facility and how we might design the current and future projects in line with this concept. The committee discussed the future replacement of the turf surface and whether additional lines could be added to simulate a track.*

ii. Storage/coaches' box at MPT

1. Modular unit? (See attached)

*K. Slentz reviewed the options of a modular unit that would be installed on the back of the bleachers, where a sound system and other field controls would be housed. The committee discussed different options for storage under the unit.*

*The committee discussed whether it was possible to expand the bleachers, as the current unit is quite small, making it difficult to accommodate both home and away crowds. The committee discussed how this and other options could be added to an overall menu of possibilities that the committee could then discuss with the community. This discussion would include various options for paying for the project, including the use of the capital reserve, fundraising, and long-term financing.*

iii. Bathrooms/Concession stand/softball storage between fields

1. Requires plumbing, including potable water.

a. Are composting toilets possible?

b. Is a potable water storage tank instead of piped water an option?

2. Location? (See attached overview).

*The committee discussed this and how we could determine what locations and options are feasible. Can a well be dug? Can a stand-alone septic tank be installed? The committee*

*agreed that it was time to consult an engineer to help us answer these questions.*

iv. Scoreboards?

*The committee discussed the various options for scoreboards and the estimated costs. K. Slentz noted that the district might produce a “base package” for the project that includes scoreboards similar to what is in place now. If the committee and the community wanted an upgraded option, the district would have cost options available.*

v. Other?

b. *How much funding is available for the project?*

- i. Capital reserve funding - total and process for accessing the funds
- ii. Additional capital reserve funding? (TBD)
- iii. Proceeds from the sale of Wicker’s Creek property
- iv. Donations/ fundraising campaigns
  1. Update booster clubs

*L. Raymond discussed the reserve funding that is currently available and, pending discussion with the external auditor, additional funding for capital projects may be available. K. Slentz discussed adding any proceeds from the sale of the Wickers Creek property to the total.*

c. *What other future work is planned for the athletic fields?*

- i. MPT repair and carpet replacement 2033
- ii. Other items that may not be feasible in the proposed project
  1. Practice track?

*The committee discussed various options as noted above.*

d. *How does this work impact the building condition survey and the five-year capital plan?*

**3. Next meeting:**

*The committee agreed that the district would schedule the next meeting once an engineer provides information on the options for septic and potable water, as this information and estimated costs would impact the type of structure that could be constructed for the bathrooms and concession stand, and where the structure would be located.*

*The committee adjourned the meeting at 7:06 p.m.*

**Modular Coaches Box**



Fields Overview

