WESTPORT BOARD OF EDUCATION

*AGENDA

(Agenda Subject to Modification in Accordance with Law)

PUBLIC SESSION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

7:30 p.m. Staples High School, Cafeteria B (Room 301)

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM BOARD AND ADMINISTRATION

PUBLIC QUESTIONS/COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

(15 MINUTES)

MINUTES: January 30, 2012

INFORMATION:

Update on Westport Education 2025: Meeting the Global Challenge

Ms. Comm

DISCUSSION/ACTION:

1. Staples High School Track Resurfacing

(Encl.)

Ms. Harris

DISCUSSION:

Student and Faculty Calendar: 2013-14 School Year

Dr. Landon

ADJOURNMENT

*A 2/3 vote is required to go to executive session, to add a topic to the agenda of a regular meeting, or to start a new topic after 10:30 p.m. The meeting can also be viewed on cable TV on channel 78; AT&T channel 99 and by video stream @www.westport.k12.ct.us PUBLIC PARTICIPATION WELCOME USING THE FOLLOWING GUIDELINES:

- Comment on non-agenda topics will occur during the first 15 minutes except when staff or guest presentations are scheduled.
- . Board will not engage in dialogue on non-agenda items.
- Public may speak as agenda topics come up for discussion or information.
- Speakers on non-agenda items are limited to 2 minutes each, except by prior arrangement with chair.
- Speakers on agenda items are limited to 3 minutes each, except by prior arrangement with chair.
- · Speakers must give name and use microphone.
- Responses to questions may be deferred if answers not immediately available.
- Public comment is normally not invited for topics listed for action after having been publicly discussed at one or more meetings.

MEMORANDUM

TO:

ELLIOTT LANDON

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

FROM:

NANCY J. HARRIS

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT FOR BUSINESS

SUBJECT:

STAPLES HIGH & CHOOL TRACK RESURFACING PROJECT

DATE:

FEBRUARY 9, 2012

CC:

J. DODIG, M. LISEVICK, R. WOOSLEY, PROJECT FILE

The Board of Education has planned to resurface the running track and accompanying areas supporting shot put, javelin, discus, high jump, long jump and pole vault events. On average the useful life of an outdoor track is around ten (10) years. This track was redone fourteen (14) years ago and is not aging well. The track has required regular and ongoing patching. We engaged Fuss & O'Neill (F&O) to analyze the condition of the entire track area and to advise as to the appropriate course of action.

F&O has detailed the problems with the existing track as follows:

- The running surface is composed of an impermeable surface
- The concrete base of the track is wicking moisture upwards and creating blistering of the track surface since the water becomes trapped between the concrete and the track surface
- Patching has created inconsistent running surface areas which can cause safety issues for the runners
- Cracks continue to form, both on the track surface and in the patched areas as well
- The pole vault running lane is uneven as the result of the old base settling in at least 2 areas of the lane, thus causing potential safety issues for the jumpers
- The pole vault pit was designed too small and is does not accommodate the regulation landing bag, thus creating a potential safety hazard
- The circular discus pad has been covered with the same track material which causes friction for the discus throwers, creating the potential for foot, ankle and leg injuries

There are concerns that if this track is not resurfaced soon, then we may risk losing the ability to host Fairfield County Interscholastic Athletic Conference (FCIAC) events.

The timing of this project coincides nicely with the new field/stadium lighting project being implemented by Musco Lighting that will begin on June 25th. As part of that project, cement trucks will be traveling on the track surface to create the footings for the lights. The gross weight of a cement truck is 80,000 pounds which can be expected to damage the track surface.

Jeff Olszewski of F&O has developed the design specifications in collaboration with Marty Lisevick, Athletic Director, Jessie McCray and Laddie Lawrence, track coaches, and will prepare bid documents, review bidders, make recommendation for award, and provide oversight of the project upon approval of the funding request. Attached is the site plan and construction detail

prepared by F&O for your information. Mr. Olszewski has met with Musco Lighting representatives and discussed in detail the coordination requirements between the two projects.

The budget for this project is estimated at \$275,000. Therefore, I am requesting that the Board of Education (BOE) approve a funding request of \$275,000 to the Board of Finance for this resurfacing project. You will note that this project will not be eligible for state reimbursement. The state will not reimburse any town for normal repair and maintenance items.

In order to expedite this project, we recommend that the Board of Education be designated as the Building Committee for the project. Nancy Harris and Rob Woosley would act as project managers.

Attachments NJH:abm

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION:

Be It Resolved, That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the project to resurface the fourteen year old outdoor track

Be It Further Resolved, that the Board of Education approves the site plan and construction details and the proposed budget for the above project, as included with this memorandum; directs the administration to request project approval and funding from the Board of Finance and the Representative Town Meeting; and requests that the Representative Town Meeting designate the Board of Education as the School Building Committee for this project.

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